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**Celebrating in the Cell**

Philippians 1:12-18a

**4 Reasons Why Paul is Rejoicing While Arrested**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Philippians 1:12

1. It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “the whole palace guard” and “everyone else”.

Philippians 1:13

1. Fellow Christians have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 1:14

1. Even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ preachers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ!

Philippians 1:15-18a; Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Thessalonians 2:2-6; 1 Peter 5:1-3

**THE POINT →** It’s easier to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stops God from doing his work.

**2 Ways to Maintain Joy in Life**

1. Stay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-3

**REMEMBER →** Focusing on self \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us; focusing on others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us; focusing on Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our joy.

2. Notice what God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 1:12, 18a; Esther 4:14

**REMEMBER →** No one writes, “Prison is great—wish you were here!” unless they see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the situation.

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**4 Reasons Why Paul is Rejoicing While Arrested**

1. The **GOOD NEWS** of Jesus is **ADVANCING**

Philippians 1:12

1. It’s **REACHED** “the whole palace guard” and “everyone else”.

Philippians 1:13

1. Fellow Christians have been **EMBOLDENED** to **SPEAK**.

Philippians 1:14

1. Even **ENVIOUS** preachers are **PROCLAIMING** Christ!

Philippians 1:15-18a; Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Thessalonians 2:2-6; 1 Peter 5:1-3

**THE POINT →** It’s easier to **REJOICE** when we remember **NOTHING** stops God from doing his work.

**2 Ways to Maintain Joy in Life**

1. Stay **FOCUSED** on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-3

**REMEMBER →** Focusing on self **DEPRESSES** us; focusing on others **DISAPPOINTS** us; focusing on Christ **DEEPENS** our joy.

2. Notice what God is **DOING**.

Philippians 1:12, 18a; Esther 4:14

**REMEMBER →** No one writes, “Prison is great—wish you were here!” unless they see **GOD’S HAND** in the situation.

**For Further Study**

(Readings and Questions for Life Groups or Personal Study)

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**Getting Started**

1. Think about Paul’s situation as he was writing his letter to the Philippians. What factors could have caused him to lose joy?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Read Philippians 1:12-18a again. Despite his situation, what are some reasons why Paul was still able to “celebrate in the cell”?
2. What lessons does this teach you about the God of your circumstances? How might these lessons help you maintain joy amid unpleasant circumstances?
3. Have you ever experienced any of the situations below? What was it like to experience these things? Did they rob you of joy?
* Job loss or financial strain
* Being criticized or judged by others
* Stress or break in a relationship
* Severe illness
* Injustice against you
* Envy toward someone else

**Driving It Home**

1. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How might “fixing our eyes on Jesus” help us in situations like the ones listed above?
2. Read Hebrews 12:22-24. What further reasons for joy-in-Christ do you find in this text? How does this help you to live a life that is centered on Christ?