

JOY

Joyful No Matter "What"

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Background on Philippians

1. Paul founded the church at Philippi in _____ .
2. The book was written in A.D. 62 as a _____ letter.
3. Paul wrote it while in _____ ,
where he was awaiting potential _____ .

What do you wish you could change?

Instead of asking " _____ ", ask " _____ ".

1. _____ what?

- Now what is God doing?
- Now what is God's purpose?
- Now what does God want to show me?
- Now what does God want to do through this?

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. **Philippians 1:12**

So that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. **Philippians 1:13-14**

God can change your obstacles into _____ .

God can change your setbacks into _____ .

2. _____ what?

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. **Philippians 1:15-18**

- So what does this matter 100 years from now?
- So what does this mean in eternity?
- So what is really most important right now?

The Ultimate Joy

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

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Personalize Scripture

Reread Philippians 1 this week. Below are the readings and some reflection questions:

- **Monday:** Philippians 1:1-2
Where do you need Jesus' Grace and Peace in your life today?
- **Tuesday:** Philippians 1:3-11
How can "your love abound more and more" this day?
- **Wednesday:** Philippians 1:12-14
Who is someone you can be "more bold to speak the Word" with today?
- **Thursday:** Philippians 1:15-18
What is your motive for sharing Christ? Or what keeps you from it?
- **Friday:** Philippians 1:19-26
How close are you to the ultimate joy in verse 21?
- **Saturday:** Philippians 1:27-30
How can your church support you as you "stand firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side for the faith of the gospel?" Tell us at FirstTrinity.com/feedback.

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