



# PHILIPPIANS

Week 2: Phil. 1:12-18

# Themes

- Joy/Rejoicing
- Partnership
- Gospel

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- “Now I want you to know, brethren, that the things which have happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel...”

# Criticisms Paul Faced

- “You shouldn’t have gotten distracted by insisting on your rights”
- “You shouldn’t have ended up stifled in prison”
- “Your failure will discourage others”
- “You left others without direction and leadership just when they needed you”

# But Actually...

- Furthering the gospel
  - Among the guards
  - Among the palace...
  - ...And whoever *they* told...
  - Other preachers

# Preaching Out of Envy and Strife

- More temptation to do this than one might think!
- Paul's reaction
  - Preaching what
  - Preaching why
  - ...Is this really okay?

# Preaching from Good Will

- The main voices in mind (v. 14)
- The others do not discourage him
- But rejoicing in both?
  
- Are you uncomfortable with this assessment and response?
  - (If not, please explain it to me)

# Explain God

- Who is Christ?
- What is He like?



# How Will You Pursue Christ?

- Where is your focus?
- What in your life has unexpectedly furthered the gospel?
- How do you respond to “ministry competition”?

# Keep Talking

- But afterwards