**Philippians – Phil. 1: 12 – 20**

**Focal Truth: God uses all the circumstances in the believer’s life for the progress of the gospel of Jesus Christ**

**Observations:**

1. Paul’s imprisonment brought greater progress of the gospel- 1:12
2. Paul’s imprisonment had become well known throughout the praetorian guard – 1:13
3. The governors house
4. All those in the area of Paul’s imprisonment
5. Many of the believers had greater courage to share the gospel without fear because of Paul’s imprisonment for the gospel – 1:14
6. Some preached the gospel because they envied Paul’s reputation – 1:15
7. Some preached the gospel because they opposed Paul’s preaching – 1:15
8. Some preached the gospel from goodwill, from love, knowing God’s appointment of Paul by God to defend the gospel – 1:15 -16
9. Some preached the gospel for selfish promotion & recognition, not pure motives – 1:17

They preached hoping to make Paul jealous and distressed while imprisoned

1. Paul rejoiced in the preaching of the gospel, regardless of the motive of others who were preaching the gospel – 1:18
2. Paul was confident that he would be release from imprisonment because of the prayers of God’s people – 1:19
3. Paul was confident that he would be released from imprisonment because of the provision of the Holy Spirit – 1:19
4. Paul’s eager expectation & hope was not to be put to shame in anything as he preached the gospel – 1:20
5. Paul expected boldly that Christ would be exalted in his body by life or death

**Things to Remember**

1. God works in His people through all their circumstances to advance the gospel
2. The progress of the gospel is not stopped or frustrated by the troubles of God’s people
3. The progress of the gospel comes through the testimony of God’s people
4. When people hear the gospel, the gospel progresses
5. God’s people are encouraged to preach the gospel when they know others who are preaching the gospel
6. Gospel progress comes through the fearless preaching of God’s people
7. The gospel is advanced even when preached from the wrong motivation
8. Rejoice that the gospel of Jesus Christ is being preached in the world today
9. God’s people should pray for one another as we go preaching the gospel
10. God always provides by the Holy Spirit the opportunities to preach the gospel
11. Those who preach the gospel will never be put to shame regardless of their situation

**Daily Use**

1. Never doubt that God can’t use you to share the gospel regardless of your circumstances
2. Trust that God will bless your testimony for the gospel
3. Rejoice in the preaching of the gospel in the world today
4. Live with assurance that God will bless your testimony for the gospel
5. Share the gospel! God will be glorified in your life!