

Series: Joy Unbound
Passage: Philippians 1:12-18a
Sunday: September 14, 2025

Philippians 1:12-18a (ESV)

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

1. For each week of this series, we will start with the same question: where did you experience joy in your walk with Jesus this week?
2. How would you describe Paul's attitude in this passage?
3. In what ways has Paul's imprisonment helped to advance the gospel (verse 12-14)?

