Series: Joy Unbound

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

## Philippians 1:12-18a (ESV)

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

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> 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)?





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4.	When have you seen a moment of suffering be used to advance the gospel? What was the outcome?
5.	What are some ways that Jesus could be proclaimed out of "envy and rivalry" today (verse 15)?
6.	Think about Paul's response to insincere teachers in verse 18. How can we apply the spirit of his response to those who talk about Jesus today, even for the wrong reasons?
7.	When have you been faced with a big problem, and you saw God work good out of it? How did that experience affect your faith?



