

# RESILIENT



## PURPOSE IN PAIN

Philippians 1:12 – 20

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## MESSAGE NOTES

Philippians 1:12 – 14

*Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.*

Philippians 1:15 – 18a

*It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.*

Philippians 1:18b – 20

*Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What part of the message this weekend stuck out to you? Why?
- Have a few people in your group read Philippians 1:12 – 20.
- What verses impact you most from this section? Why?
- What is Paul's main concern? Would that be your main concern? Why or why not?
- Why is suffering a benefit granted by God?
- What do these verses tell us about the nature of the Christian Life?
- How does persecution open up more opportunities to love others?
- What do you think about Paul's words in Phil 1:18?
- How can our personal preferences get in the way of the gospel?
- What is one thing you feel passionate about that you hope others feel passionate about?
- How can we build bridges with those that have different preferences than our own?
- What is one thing you can do this week to build a bridge with someone who is different from you?
- How can you look at hardships and difficulties in your life different this week?