Sunday Sermon Notes					

THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?



Advancing the Gospel Philippians 1:12-18

- 12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
- 13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;
- 14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- 15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
- 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
- 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
- 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

Paul had been persecuted and imprisoned because of his Gospel ministry, but rather than complaining, he saw that God was using his circumstances to actually advance the gospel through the known world! In his letter he reassures the Philippians that his bonds were something in which to rejoice! Perhaps through his example we can learn to see what God is doing even in our trials and rejoice as well!

Part 1 – As It Turns Out

Read Philippians 1:12-13; Genesis 50:19-20

1) What was the surprising outcome to Paul's bonds?

2) According to Genesis 50 how can and does God use the wrong actions and motives of others?

3) What would make your trials worth enduring?

Part 2—Bold to Speak

Read Philippians 1:13-14; Luke 12:4-9

1) What gave many brethren the boldness to speak God's Word?

2) According to Jesus in Luke 12 what part does "fear" play in our witness?

3) What most hinders your boldness to speak the gospel to others?

Part 3—Differing Ministry Motives

Read Philippians 1:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

1) What two main motives for ministry does Paul discuss here?

2) According to his letter to the Thessalonians how did Paul guard his motives in ministry?

3) How do you think wrong motives could affect Trinity Gospel Church?

Part 4—A Reason to Rejoice

Read Philippians 1:12-18; Mark 9:38-40

1) Why could Paul rejoice despite the envy and strife of others?

2) According to Mark 9 why did Jesus NOT forbid the unaffiliated man casting out demons?

3) How might verse 18 be instructive to true believers who attend different Bible teaching churches?

Don't forget the Big Idea!