



When Life isn't Going the Way I Planned
Philippians 1
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We all want to make life work.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.
Philippians 4:11

Whether life is or isn't going the way I planned, God has given me more than enough for life, joy and peace.

I am in chains because of Christ. Philippians 1:13

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. Philippians 4:12

How do I get this attitude?

Shift focus off of myself.

I thank my God every time I remember you. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you....For you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:3-6

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:3-4

See God's hand in all that is going on.

And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. Philippians 1:12-13

And all the rest of God's people send you greetings, too, especially those in Caesar's household. Philippians 4:22

Change my perspective on my purpose.

For to me, to live is Christ. Philippians 1:21

It means I see everything, everyone, every situation, and every decision in light of Jesus and what He wants.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

For my LifeGroup and Accountability Time

Philippians is all about joy: how to get it and how to keep it. What are some things that give you joy?

How do you think circumstances and joy work together?

Read Philippians 1:12-26 and look for reasons that Paul is able to have joy in the midst of his situation.

Read 27-30.

What do you think verses 29-30 mean?

How do verses 21-23 sum up the victory we have and another reason we can be joyful?