

Philippians Series - Week 3

Philippians 1: 12-26



How can we leverage our circumstances, situations, and attitudes to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ ?

The Resources Paul uses to advance the Gospel in Acts:

ACTS 21: status as a Jew / ability to speak Greek

ACTS 22: ability to speak Aramaic / status as a Roman citizen

ACTS 23: background and knowledge acquired as a Pharisee / respect

ACTS 24: his time / proximity

ACTS 25: his time / courage and faith

ACTS 26: stands out (Phil 2:15)

ACTS 27: leadership ability / respect

ACTS 28: deadly situation / time and talent

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19 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. 20 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. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me."

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1. Are you leveraging all the resources available to you to advance the gospel?
2. Is your attitude and perspective one that is primarily concerned about the glory of God?
3. How comfortable are you?

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