Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians

“Making Something Good from Something Bad”  David Owens
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Introduction:
A. ______________ makes a difference.
B. It is like the difference between focusing on the ____________ or the ________.
C. God is able to use any situation in our lives for our _______ and for the good of His ____________.
D. Paul is the prime example of someone who had the right ___________ toward all his ________________.

I. The Way of Christ is the Way of the __________
A. Anyone who follows Christ must pick up their cross __________ (Mark 8:34).
B. Paul knew the reality of this _______ in a _____________ way (Acts 9:15-16).
C. We must arm ourselves with an attitude that is prepared for trouble and ______________ (John 16:33; Acts 5:40; 1 Peter 2:20-21).

II. Something _______ can be used for ____________ (1:12-14)
A. Paul declared that his imprisonment served to ___________ the gospel.
B. Clarification: Not _____________ that happens to a believer is __________.
C. God can make something _________ from something ________.
D. How does that happen?
   1. Our sufferings can stimulate public ___________.
   2. Our sufferings can authenticate our _____________.
   3. Our suffering for Christ will encourage other believers to new ________.

III. All that Matters is that __________ is ____________. (1:15-18)
A. Paul’s ____________ saw Paul’s imprisonment as an opportunity to advance their own ___________ and ____________.
B. Paul’s faith in the Lord convinced him that God’s ________ could accomplish its mission even if those who delivered it were _______ all they should be.

Conclusion:
A. Paul had the right kind of attitude.
   1. Paul had decided ahead of time that he would _____ in the Lord and find ______ trusting in God.
   2. Paul had decided ahead of time that the Christian life included a ________.
   3. Paul had decided ahead of time that God can make something _______ from something ________.
   4. Paul had decided ahead of time that all that matters is that the __________ of Christ is ____________.
   5. Our joy comes from deciding ahead of time to pick up our _______ daily and follow Christ, and leave everything else in God’s ________.