



Advance the Gospel

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Philippians 1: ¹² *I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,* ¹³ *so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.* ¹⁴ *And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.* ¹⁵ *Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.* ¹⁶ *The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.* ¹⁷ *The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.* ¹⁸ *What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.*

➔ Regardless of our _____ we must be bold to speak the Gospel.

➤ **The gospel is the proclamation of** _____. (vs. 12 and 18)

“What must tie us together as Christians is this passion for the gospel, this fellowship of the gospel. On the face of it, nothing else is strong enough to hold together the extraordinary diversity of people who constitute many churches.” – D.A. Carson

➤ **The gospel is made known in the _____**
His servants. (vs. 12 -14)

- Through the _____ of their lives. (vs. 13)

“Our job is to stay faithful, joyful and Christ-centered through the suffering, confidently trusting in His wise, sovereign will.” – D.A. Carson

“As followers of Jesus we are not immune from difficulty, we simply see it differently because of the promises of an unchanging God.” – Vance Pittman

“We tend to assume that the circumstances have to be right if we’re going to be effective Christians but God is not waiting for the circumstances to be right. He is committed to producing really effective Christians even when the circumstances are wrong.” - Alistair Begg

- Through the **response** of the lives they’ve impacted. (vs. 14)
 - Positively (vs. 15 – 16)
 - Boldly and without _____. (vs. 14)
 - Good will. (vs. 15)
 - Love. (vs. 16)
 - _____. (vs. 18)
 - Negatively (vs. 17)
 - Selfish _____. (vs. 17)
 - Seeking affliction. (vs. 17)
 - Pretense. (vs. 18)

➤ **The proclamation of the gospel is a reason to** _____. (vs. 18)

“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed, if you look within, you’ll be depressed, if you look to God, you’ll be at rest.”

– Corrie Ten Boom