

HOW CAN WE HAVE JOY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING?
LESSONS FROM PAUL'S RESPONSE TO SUFFERING
Philippians 1:19-21a

- I. **REVIEW: WHEN WE SEE OUR SUFFERING AS A PLATFORM FOR THE GOSPEL, WE WILL HAVE JOY:** Paul rejoiced because God used his difficult circumstances to advance the good news of Jesus to advance (12-18)

- II. **WHEN WE KNOW THAT CHRIST WILL BE MAGNIFIED THROUGH OUR SUFFERING** (if we are living for Him), **WE WILL HAVE JOY:** Paul rejoiced because he knew that God would answer prayers and empower him to speak of Jesus thus magnifying Christ whether he lives or dies (19-21)
 - A. **Paul knew that he would be delivered from dishonoring Christ** by the Philippians answered prayer for him through the Holy Spirit's provision **(19-20a)**

 - B. **Paul was thus eagerly expecting and hoping that Christ would be magnified** through him boldly and freely proclaiming Him **(20)**

 - C. **The ultimate reason Paul could have such confidence:** For him, **to be living is Christ** and to die is gain **(21)**