



Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. ¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 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. Philippians 1:12-26

- Focus on what God is _____ through you instead of what's _____ to you.
- Maybe you have been asking God to change your situation when He wants to _____ the situation to _____.

This week think about....

- Read Philippians 1:12-18. What surprises you about what Paul wrote in this passage? What challenges you? _____

- Pastor John reminded us to stop worrying about stuff God has already worked out. What worries can you give back to God? _____

- Paul saw prison not as oppression – but as opportunity. What are some similar “opportunities” in your life? _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Community Book Exchange** – Third Saturday of every month :: Next date: Saturday, July 18th, 2020 from 11am to 3pm
- **Prayer Walk** – Every 2nd Monday of the month :: Next date: Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 5:30pm
- **Spring Cleaning!** – Saturday, August 8th, 9am till we're done!
- **Church Yard Sale** - Gather up your donations and bring them to the church on Saturday, August 15th for a church yard sale. Donations go toward new church equipment. *See Website for details!

- **Weekly Prayer**

- Church: Christian Science Church

- Businesses: Woodside Cabin - Over the Creek,

- Cambridge Financial Advisors, Timberline

- Toffee, Sunshine Signs

- **Announcement Notes:** _____
