



Embracing the Unexpected

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

"What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice." (Philippians 1:18, ESV)

Review the Sermon

Read Php. 1:12-18.

How does Paul view the unexpected events in his life? Why is he still rejoicing?

Why is 'advancing the gospel' the only higher purpose worth aiming for in life?

How does making Jesus' name great help you with your selfish ambition?

Assess your Life

What is your response or reaction to the following statement: "because you live in a broken world, your life will not go as you planned it"?

What is the purpose of your life and how does it define your decisions, attitude, actions, and anxieties?

Whose name and reputation are you spending most of your time promoting?



Apply the Truth

How can you lean into, and not fight against, the current unplanned circumstances in your life?

How can you ensure you are doing ministry for the right reasons and not out of a spirit of competition or selfish ambition?

What changes need to be made today so that, sometime in the future, you do not look back with regret at what you lived for?

Commit this Week

Will you commit this week to reflect on your life purpose, and make the necessary changes so you are living to advance the gospel and make the name of Jesus great?

"I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ." (Philippians 1:12–13, ESV)