

ENJOY THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

Enjoy the Adventure, Part 2

Philippians 1:12-26

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"Life is an adventure. I am following you, God, through the middle of it, and you are providing for me step by step. Help me to enjoy the adventure as I walk with you."

...I rejoice ... and I will continue to rejoice. (vs. 18)

JOY COMES FROM KNOWING:

1. God has a purpose behind every one of my _____. (vs. 12-14)

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. (vs. 12)

"As a result it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ." (vs. 13)

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. vs. 14

When I Face Problems Joyfully

- It impresses unbelievers (vs. 13)
- It encourages believers (vs. 14)

2. God's methods are _____ from mine.
(vs. 15-18)

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.(vs. 18)

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Isa 55:9

3. With God's power nothing can _____ me.
(vs. 19-20)

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 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. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed... (verse 19)

4. The secret of Joy (vs. 20-26)

Jesus first

Others second

Yourself third

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 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! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 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.(vs. 21-25)

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14