

Word on Wednesday Bible Study  
**HOW TO HAVE JOY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS**  
Strategies for Stressful Times – Part 2  
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**Philippians 1:12-30**

*“WHATEVER HAPPENS, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News of Christ!” Philippians 1:27 (NIV)*

**NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS . . .**

**1. REMEMBER GOD CAN BRING GOOD \_\_\_\_\_**

*“We know that IN ALL that happens God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28*

*“I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1*

**Paul’s Example:** *“I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me has helped to spread the Good News.” Philippians 1:12 (NLT)*

**ANYTIME I FACE A PROBLEM WITH FAITH . . .**

- **IT’S A \_\_\_\_\_**  
*“...so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ..” Philippians 1:13*
- **IT’S AN \_\_\_\_\_**  
*“And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.” Philippians 1:14*

**2. NEVER LET OTHERS CONTROL \_\_\_\_\_**

- **CRITICS:** *Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. Vs 15*
- **COMPANIONS:** *“The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.” vs. 16.”*
- **COMPETITORS:** *“The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition...” vs, 17a*
- **CHALLENGERS:** *“...not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.” Vs. 17b*

**Paul's Attitude:** *"What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice" vs. 18.*

*"...and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God." Philippians 1:28*

*"For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. Phil 1:29-30*

*"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:18*

### 3. TRUST GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_

*"I will continue to rejoice, for I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, all that's happened will all TURN OUT for my deliverance." Philippians 1:19 (NLT)*

*"It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage, now as always, Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death!" Philippians 1:20 (ESV)*

*"Do not let your happy trust in the Lord die away, no matter what happens. Remember your reward!" Hebrews 10:35 (LB)*

### 4. STAY FOCUSED ON MY \_\_\_\_\_ NOT MY \_\_\_\_\_

*"If by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work for Christ, then I am not sure which I should choose. I'm pulled in two directions! I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better thing; BUT for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive. I am sure of this, so I know that I will stay on with you all, so I can add to your progress and joy in the faith." Philippians 1:22-25 (TEV)*

*"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain!" Philippians 1:21*

**FOR ME TO LIVE IS \_\_\_\_\_**

**How YOU complete this sentence will determine your happiness**