

Study 3 (Philippians 1:12-18)

Read Phil. 1:12-18

Reflecting on these verses, why is Paul able to experience joy and thankfulness during his time in prison?

Can you recall a time in your life when a hard situation produced gospel growth in you and those around you? How does this encourage you in present and future struggles?



The Praetorians Relief is a Roman marble relief dated to c. AD 51–52 and housed in the Louvre-Len

Why might Christians in Rome be encouraged by Paul's imprisonment? Can you think of a testimony of a Christian who faithfully endured hardship?

Paul's struggle is not merely with the Roman Empire. He recognizes division in the Christian community, including some who would discredit his own ministry on account of his imprisonment. How does Paul respond to these attacks? What is his perspective?

Let's pray for those in our church (locally and universally) who are suffering for the gospel. Let's pray that they would fix their gaze on Jesus and find purpose—even joy—in their plight.