

CONFIDENCE IN THE CHAOS



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Part 5: How to Choose Joy No Matter What

Three Difficulties We All Face:

1. _____ Circumstances.
2. Unreasonable _____.
3. An _____ Future.

Philippians 1:12-19 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.

The One Thing:

I Can't _____ What Happens to Me,

So, I Must _____ What Happens in Me.

2 Corinthians 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

How to Choose Joy No Matter What:

1. Recognize that Tough Times Remove the _____ of Self-Security.

Philippians 1:12

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

2. Live to Promote _____, Not _____.

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3. Find Strength in God's _____ Rather Than a _____ For My Bad Circumstances.

Philippians 1:14

4. Learn to Be _____, But Not Take Things _____.

Philippians 1:15-18

Three Keys:

1. Unreasonable Criticism Says More About the _____ than It Does About _____.
2. Let Go of the _____.
3. Learn to _____ Much Because I Am _____ Much.