

What Are You Promoting?—Part 2

(Philippians 1:12-19)

Lighten Up, No. 5

Philippians 1:12 (NIV)

**Now I want you to know, brothers,
that what has happened to me
has really served to advance the gospel.**

Philippians 1:18 (NIV)

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,

Philippians 1:13 (NIV)

**As a result, it has become clear
throughout the whole palace guard
and to everyone else
that I am in chains for Christ.**

Philippians 1:14 (NIV)

**Because of my chains,
most of the brothers in the Lord
have been encouraged
to speak the word of God
more courageously and fearlessly.**

Philippians 1:15-16 (NIV)

**It is true that some preach Christ
out of envy and rivalry,
but others out of goodwill.**

**¹⁶The latter do so in love,
knowing that I am put here
for the defense of the gospel.**

Philippians 1:17 (NIV)

**The former preach Christ
out of selfish ambition, not sincerely,
supposing that they can stir up
trouble for me while I am in chains.**

Insights

1. The gospel can be advanced even with adverse people.

2.

It is Well with My Soul

**When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

Insights

- 1. The gospel can be advanced even with adverse people.**
- 2. The gospel can be advanced even in adverse circumstances.**

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

“It was not until he sat in the dark confines of a Soviet prison camp that Solzhenitsyn’s own spiritual awakening began, allowing him to later muse,

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‘Bless you prison, bless you for being in my life. For there, lying upon the rotting prison straw, I came to realize that the object of life is not prosperity as we are made to believe, but the maturity of the human soul.’”

- **Every day 8 Christians worldwide are killed because of their faith.**
- **Every week 182 churches or Christian buildings are attacked.**
- **Every month 309 Christians are imprisoned unjustly.**

Where It's Hardest to Follow Jesus:

1. North Korea

2. Afghanistan

3. Somalia

4. Libya

5. Pakistan

6. Eritrea

7. Sudan

8. Yemen

9. Iran

10. India

Action Points

- 1. Promote the gospel in spite of negative people.**
- 2. Promote the gospel in spite of negative circumstances.**
- 3. Pray for those who suffering for the gospel.**

Philippians 1:19 (NIV)

**for I know that through your prayers
and the help given by the Spirit of
Jesus Christ, what has happened to
me will turn out for my deliverance.**