



## **Joyful No Matter "What"**

**Happiness vs Joy**: the difference is the \_\_\_\_\_

*"But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." Acts 13:50-52*

*"And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts 5:40-41*

***Can I get there?***

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4*

### **The Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians**

- Church founded in 52 AD on 2nd missionary journey
- Epistle written in 62 AD as thank you
- Written from prison in Rome

His dream was \_\_\_\_\_, yet he is \_\_\_\_\_

***What do you wish you could change?***

**JOYFUL NO MATTER WHAT**

Instead of asking \_\_\_\_\_, ask \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT?

- *Now what is God doing?*
- *Now what is God's purpose?*
- *Now what does God want to show me?*
- *Now what does God want to do through this?*

*"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly." Philipians 1:12-14*

God can change your \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT?

*"It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 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." Philipians 1:15-18*

- *So what will this matter \_\_\_\_\_?*
- *So what does this mean \_\_\_\_\_?*
- *So what is really most important right now?*

***"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philipians 1:21***