

The Journey: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life!

“When Life Throws You A Curve”

Philippians 1:1–11

Big Idea: Developing a proper perspective on adversity.

Life Interrupted (vs. 12–20)

Imprisonment (vs. 12–14)

The outcome:

The Gospel **advanced**.

The courage of others is **increased**.

Harassment (vs. 15–20)

The outcome:

Christ is **proclaimed**.

Hope is **explained**.

Life Interpreted (vs. 21–25)

His Choice

Personal — “for to me”

Purposeful — “is”

Providential — “to die is gain”

His **conflict** (vs. 22–26)

His **conclusion** (vs. 27–30)

Application:

1. What was a time in your life or the life of someone close to you when good came from adversity?
2. When people are in a life and death crisis like Paul, they are sometimes better able to focus on what is really important. What was Paul’s focus? With all of life’s demands, how do you sort out what is really important?
3. What did Paul mean by “for to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain”?
4. Pray for others and yourself in the struggles you are currently facing. Pray that God will help you to keep a clear conscience, a courageous testimony and a Christ-centered focus.