



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE GOSPEL
FOLLOWING A GOSPEL TRAILBLAZER
PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - September 10 and 11, 2022

1. Trust _____
(v. 12)

Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)
12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. 15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. 16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

2. Make _____
(v. 13)

3. Be _____
(v. 14)

4. Purely _____
(vv. 15-18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Philippians 1:12.** Have you seen God use suffering or hard circumstances in your life to advance the gospel? If so, how? Even if not, what are some ways that Paul's example and God's sovereignty can lead to this same joy and confidence?

2. What are the greatest areas of opportunity for the sharing of the gospel in your life? How can you seek to maximize these opportunities for the gospel? How can you team up with others to accomplish this?

3. **Read Philippians 4:4-7, 11-13.** Paul clearly practiced what he preached in these verses. How can your attitudes follow his example and become a powerful testimony to the gospel as you seek to share it with others?

4. **Read Philippians 1:14.** What is most daunting to you in the task of sharing the gospel with others? What will help you grow more confident in those situations to speak the word without fear?

5. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.** What can you do to foster more of the right & pure motives for sharing the gospel in your life? How can these motives keep you from the feeling of competition with other Christians who are sharing the gospel?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bunyan, John. *The Pilgrim's Progress*.
 Metzger, Will. *Tell the Truth*. IVP, 2012.
 Murray, Iain. *Revivals & Revivalism*. Banner of Truth, 1994.
 Stiles, Mack. *Evangelism*. Crossway, 2014.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for revival in the Treasure Valley like we read about in Ephesus in Acts 19.
 Pray for boldness to speak the truth of the gospel.
 Pray for a culture of evangelism to flourish at CBCTV.
 Pray for our upcoming Women's and Men's events to build up our church.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
9/12	2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26	Acts 20:4-38
9/13	Isaiah 1-3	Acts 21
9/14	Isaiah 4-6	Acts 22
9/15	Isaiah 7-8	Acts 23
9/16	Amos 1-5	Acts 24
9/17	Amos 6-9	Acts 25