

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER

Philippians 1:1-6

¹ Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, ⁵ in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:12-14

¹² Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, ¹⁴ and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

Philippians 1:18-20

¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

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TALK TOGETHER.

1. Who was Paul writing to, as mentioned in verse 1? How would you describe his attitude towards them (v3-5)?
2. At the time of this letter, Paul was imprisoned (v13). How did Paul view his circumstances? What good came from it?
3. In verses 18-20, what was Paul's response to his situation? What was his outlook towards it?
4. How can Paul have this kind of attitude?

CONVICTION

Even in the midst of difficulties, I can still rejoice if Christ is the center of my life.

APPLICATION

Are you having some difficulties in your life? How can others see God in your life through your circumstances?

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, whenever we experience problems and challenges in our life, we know that You are with us. Help us to turn every challenging circumstance to an opportunity to for people to know You. Help us to see Your purpose in everything. In Jesus' name, amen.