



First Baptist Church

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**FINDING JOY WHEN...
LIFE'S ON HOLD**

Philippians 1:12-18

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every one of us can
experience real and lasting
joy in Christ as we live
with Jesus' purpose,
partnerships, and perspective.**

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purpose, partnerships,
and perspective.**

Philippians 1:12-18

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

²⁴ From the Jews five times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—
²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

Philippians 1:12-13

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Philippians 1:14

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Philippians 1:15-16

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¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: ¹⁶ The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; ¹⁷ but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

Philippians 1:18

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

**Our limitations can unleash
the power of the gospel in the
lives of people who know us.**

**How can our limitations
unleash the power
of the gospel?**

MY CIRCUMSTANCES – What's happening to me

MY CONCLUSIONS –
What I believe about
what's happening to me

MY CONDUCT –
How I respond to
what's happening to me
(my attitude, words,
and behavior)

I believe that God has gospel purpose in what's happening to me, and I will respond with gospel perspective.