

THANKS!

Noticing the REAL World (Philippians 1)

Thanks!, Part 1

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THANKS: To make it through life, especially tough times, big and small... We need to get a hold of the life-altering, but under-rated power of THANKS!

- ▶ One huge "how to" is learning to notice the REAL world.

Introducing "PHILIPPIANS" — Paul in horribly difficult and frustrating circumstances yet full of joy!

"THANKS" IS THE KEY, THE BRIDGE...

- ✓ Anti... bitter, angry, self-absorbed me
- ✓ Pro... happy, outward and most of all, connected me

CASE STUDY

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. ¹⁵ Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; ¹⁶ the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. 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. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:12–21

1. Tell Myself: There is ALWAYS more [something else/ sometimes upside down] going on.
 - ▶ Ask God: "What are You working out here for Your glory and my good?"
 - ▶ And actually give THANKS!
2. ALTER YOUR "LEAN" — anticipate / expect / pre-suppose. God is always about good stuff... in general and for me!
 - ▶ This means interpreting suffering like a pro.
 - ▶ And actually give THANKS!
3. Connect to the BIG story
 - ▶ God offers the ultimate WIN... WIN! Say, YES!
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