

Gospel Advancement through Adverse Circumstances

Philippians 1:12-14

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God uses adverse circumstances to advance the gospel (1:12)

- Paul's concern: That they know
- Paul's circumstances: Imprisonment
- Paul's confidence: Gospel advancement

God's sovereignty in circumstances:

_____ (Gen. 50:18-20)

_____ (Jam. 1:2-4)

_____ (Rom. 8:28-29)

God uses adverse circumstances to advance the gospel to unbelievers (1:13)

- Advanced to the praetorian guard
- Advanced to everyone else
 - _____ Acts 28:17
 - _____ Philemon 10

God uses adverse circumstances to advance the gospel in believers (1:14)

- Adversity fuels trust in the Lord
- Adversity fuels boldness with the gospel

Principles for Evangelism:

- God desires to advance the gospel through our everyday circumstances
- Opportunities for the gospel must be taken
- Our boldness or lack of boldness with the gospel impacts one another in the church
- Our quickness or slowness to tell others about Jesus is a gauge of our trust in the Lord.

- Fear often keeps us from telling others about Jesus, but Jesus is with you when you do (Matt. 28:20; Luke 10:16)
- Boldness comes through prayer by the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:29, 31)
- Evangelism always means speaking the Word of God.