

## HANDLING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE Philippians 1:12-21

- 1) Happy memories help us **endure** (v.3-11).
  - a) He had his Philippian partners on his **mind**.
    - i) He was **thankful** for every memory of them (v.3).
    - ii) He was **prayerful** at every remembrance of them (v.4).
    - iii) He was thankful for their **fellowship** (partnership) with him (v.5).
    - iv) He was confident of their **future** (v.6; also 2:13).
  - b) He had the Philippian partners in his **heart** (v.7-8).
    - i) Thinking of them gave him **comfort** in his chains (v.7).
    - ii) Thinking of them gave him **endurance** in his suffering (v.8).
  - c) He had them in his **prayers** (v.9-11). What did he pray for?
    - i) Abounding **love** (v.9).
    - ii) **Knowledgeable** love (v.9).
    - iii) **Discerning** love (v.9).

- 2) Hurtful happenings can **help** us be effective (v.12-21).
  - a) My pain may help the **message** go farther (v.12-13).
  - b) My problem may help **messengers** grow bolder (v.14-17).
  - c) My powerlessness will make the **Master** glow brighter (v.18).
  - d) My painful “happenings” make **me** stay focused.

Think about this:

- What are your prayers about?
- Where are your affections really placed?
- With whom does your problem put you in contact?
- Always remember that everything that happens in your life happens in God's hands (John 10:28-30).

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