

A Life to Die For

Part 3: Personal Witness

Philippians 1:12-18

Launch

What's the worst snowstorm you can remember?

Explore

Read the passage

Summarize Paul's situation. What stands out to you about people's reaction to his imprisonment? Is it what you would expect?

What do we learn about Paul's priorities? What does he rejoice in?

Why isn't Paul upset about people's motives?

Paul says he was "put here" in prison. What do we learn about God's priorities or character that he would "put" Paul in this situation?

Apply

Is your purpose in life clearly evident to those around you? If I asked your friends and family members about YOUR priorities, what would they say?

While imprisoned, Paul rejoiced that the gospel was being shared. Jesus endured the cross "for the joy set before him." How has the joy of the gospel helped you persevere through difficult circumstances?

Why have you been "put" in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family? (Go beyond the generic, "To share the gospel." Like Paul shared specifically with the Imperial Guard, God has put you into certain people's lives. Who are they? Why does it make sense that you would be the person to share?)

Pray

Pray that we would boldly and graciously share the gospel with our oikos.