



PHILIPPIANS

— BEING JOYFUL DISCIPLES —

Have You

1. Been thrown into jail unjustly?
2. Lost your job unexpectedly?
3. Experienced a messy relationship break down?
4. Experienced a time of rejection?
5. Not had enough money to cover bills?
6. Suffered from significant injury or sickness?
7. Experienced the death of a loved one?



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Joy in Hardships

JOY

“it’s an attitude God’s people adopt,
not because of happy circumstances
but because of their hope in God’s love
and promise ” (Mackie 2017)

A person is shown from the waist up, with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or praise. The person is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt. The background is a solid, deep blue color. The overall image has a slightly grainy, artistic quality.

GOD CAN, AND DOES, USE OUR
HARDSHIPS FOR GOOD

Philippians 1:12-18

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Philippians 1:12-18

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

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Philippians 1:19-24

19 for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. 20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will 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 1:19-24

22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

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A person wearing a blue tunic with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric. The overall tone is somber and spiritual.

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JOURNEY THROUGH HARDSHIP
ALONE

APPLICATION

- We will experience hardship.
- When we do, it is possible to choose joy (an attitude caused by hope in God's love and promise).
- God can, and does, use our hardships for good.
- God does not expect us to journey through hardship alone.



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