

A Van by the River (Philippians 1:12-30)

I. Joyful Triumph in Adversity.

- a. Triumph over Chains vs.12-14
 - i. Paul was not going to let jail stop him from experiencing the Joy of the Journey God had called him on.
 1. Vs.12 Progress is a Greek military term referring to the army's advancement into a new territory.
 - ii. Paul faces chains (Phil. 1: 12– 14), his critics (Phil. 1: 15–19), and his crisis (Phil. 1: 20–26).
- b. Triumph over Critics- Vs. 15-19
 - i. Paul's chains gave him contact with the lost, but they also gave courage to the saved.
 1. Phil 1: 17 Instead of being concerned if someone has Christ? Critics are more concerned with, "Whose side are you on—ours or Paul's?"
 - ii. Paul was able to rejoice even when His critics succeeded. Phil 1:19. He had a single mind.
 1. Provision vs.19 -gives us our English word chorus. "to provide generously and lavishly."
- c. Triumph over Crisis. Vs. 20-26
 - i. Christ was magnified in Paul's life. (Phil. 1: 20).
 - ii. Vs.25 "departing." means "to take down your tent and move on
- d. Making Life Count
 - i. How would you Fill this out yourself "For to me to live is _____ and to die is _____." - Phil 1:21

II. Live in Triumph through Adversity vs. 27-30

- a. The most important weapon against the enemy is not a stirring sermon or a powerful book; it is the consistent life of believers. The verb Paul
 - i. 2 Corinthians 3: 2: "You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men" (NASB).
- b. Vs. 28 Stand in Christ to show adversity its demise.