

Perspective Series: Part 1

Phillippians 1

Joyful No Matter What
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God is highly exalted!
What's over your head is under His feet.

Antephono Praise!

In God's presence is fullness of joy!
You're To broke not to praise
You're To lonely not to praise

Paul started church in Phillipi and he was going through a tough time and the church blessed him with offering and he was so blessed by the gift he wrote this letter of love and thankfulness, sprinkled with instruction.... This letter is Phillippians

Sometime you can find out something that changes your perspective...

-You may have thought you were Sad you don't have new shoes, until you meet man with no feet.

-You may have Thought you had a bad day, until you meet someone who may have a day to live.

-Paul wrote this letter in a Roman jail. He was chained 24 hrs a day
He was in prison 2 years (Acts 28)

His dream was to take Gospel to Rome as a preacher, he was in Rome as a prisoner.

Phillippians 1:2-7

How many of you wish something was different in your life?

- Are you young and want to be older?

-Are you older and want to be younger?

-Whatever it may be: another job, car, tv, dress, house...

Pt 1

Everyone has a what... and don't understand the why

Pt 2

God has a why for every what

God turns obstacles into divine opportunities

- He is in control.

-What the enemy means for evil, God can turn it around for your Good

Joseph

Esther

Pt 3

You don't have to understand the why to trust God in the what
(proverbs 3:4-7)

2 questions to ask when life is hard:

1. Now what?

(phil 1:12)

Don't understand this... Now what?

Don't understand what has happened to you?

Doctors report bad... Now what?

Stuck in bad situation... Now what?

Finances bad... Now what?

Word study:

Advanced - in Greek means to move forward. Military term. Clear the way

What looks to be bad, god can turn it around for your good...

STOP! - have a change of PERSPECTIVE...

God turns:

1. Obstacles into divine Opportunities

2. Setbacks into Setups

3. Prisons into pulpits

Magic eyes illustration:

Read instructions

Look through the mess and see the masterpiece

God is trying to do something IN YOU & THROUGH YOU

Ask God...

What do you want to do in me?

What do you want to do through?

What do you want to do for your Glory?

Paul was Chained for Christ:

Akido means- use power against your opponent

The test you endure today, could become your testimony tomorrow

Your misery could become your ministry

Difficult situation: now what

Finance problems: now what

Addictions: now what
Children problems: now what
Marriage problems: now what

Next question...

2. So what?

(phil 1:18) - what does it matter...

Sometime you have to say so what

What will it matter 100 years from now... 20, 10, 5, 1 year???

Greek word:

Tiz-Gar-Plain means (So what)

On your way to work, train slows you down... TizGarPlen

Waste something on your new dress... TizGarPlen

Verse 21 says...

If I live I do it for Christ...

If I die I gain

Paul was on death row and still had joy

When you change your perspective, God changes everything!

Change your outlook and bless your outcome!

Change the game!

Take a picture of me today because what you will see tomorrow will look completely different

Your prison can become your pulpit

Your misery can become your ministry

The obstacle you face today can become Gods divine opportunity tomorrow

The test you endure today can become your testimony tomorrow

Sin is a problem, here is a change of perspective: God gave Jesus to Chang everything.

Please accept the free gift of salvation today.

Notes from the Desk of Pastor Carruthers.