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Whatever Happens Message

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News of Christ. Phil. 1:27

No matter what happens, I can be happy if....

1. Look at every problem from God's viewpoint.

I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me has helped to spread the Good News. Phil. 1:12

Anytime I face problems in faith...

- It is a witness to unbelievers
For everyone here, including all the soldiers in the palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. Phil. 1:13
- It is an encouragement to believers.

And because of my imprisonment, many of the Christians have gained confidence and become bolder in telling others about Christ. Phil. 1:14

2. Never let others control my attitude.

Critics, Comrades, Competitors, and Conspirators.

It is true that some preach Christ because they are jealous and quarrelsome. Others preach from genuine good. Those do so out of love, and they know God's given me the work of defending the gospel. Others preach Christ insincerely from a spirit of selfish ambition. Others just want to stir up more trouble for me and add to my pain while I am in prison. Phil. 1:15-17

Be fearless, no matter who opposes you. It will be assigned to them Of their downfall, that God is with you, and that he will save you. Phil. 1:28

For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of a struggle. Phil. 1:19

3. Always Trust God to Work Things Out.

I will continue to rejoice, for I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, all that's happened will turn out for my deliverance. Phil. 1:19

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be all ashamed, but that with full courage, now as always, Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or death. Phil 1:20

4. Stay Focused on My Purpose, not my problem.

If by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work for Christ, then I am not sure which I would choose. I am pulled in two directions! I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better thing; but for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive. I am sure of this, so I know that I will stay on with you all, so I can add to your progress and joy in the faith. Philippians 1:22-25

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS TO GAIN
Phil 1:21

