

# Sermon Notes

## Having Attitude When You're Stuck – Philippians 1.12-14

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Apostle Paul has been called the “energetic apostle.” He travelled over 30 years, over 16,000 km's, into 59 communities spanning 6 countries.

*<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has **actually served to advance the gospel**. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard<sup>[a]</sup> and to everyone else that **I am in chains for Christ**. <sup>14</sup> 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 1.12-14*

Because of my chains...

- **Unbelievers** are hearing about Jesus
- **Believers** are inspired to tell others about Jesus
- **People in Sudbury** are growing in Jesus

### 1. HE GOT “ATTITUDE” FROM JESUS

- Paul didn't try to find in people what can only be found in Jesus
  - For to me, to live is Christ. Philippians 1:21 NIV
  - But I will rejoice even if I lose my life. 2:17 NLT
  - Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. 3:8 NLT
  - For I can do everything through Christ,<sup>[a]</sup> who gives me strength. 4:13 NLT
  - “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” St Augustine, 400's
  - Source of JOY – “Rejoice IN THE LORD always.” Philippians 4:4
  - Source of PEACE – “You will experience GOD'S PEACE, which exceeds anything we can understand.” 4:7
  - Source of ATTITUDE – “He humbled himself..... Therefore God exalted him.” 4:8,9 (lyrics of Song sung by 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians)

## 2. HE REVEALED JESUS IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN HE IMAGINED

- He didn't allow circumstances to choke out opportunities to reveal Jesus
  - "It has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that **I am in chains for Christ**"
  - All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to **Caesar's household** 4:22

**Because Paul is in chains he is forced to communicate to churches through writing letters:**

Dear **Philippians**: "He who began a good work in you...."

Dear **Colossians**: "Set your affections on things above..."

Dear **Timothy**: "He did not give us a spirit of fear, but of love, power & sound mind."

Dear **Ephesians**: "God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..."

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

Ephesians 3:20-21