



*from the inside out*

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread<sup>A</sup> the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ;

<sup>A</sup> *Spread = This word is used in other 1<sup>st</sup> century literature to describe what the engineers did (erecting bridges, taking down trees, etc) who went before the Roman army to prepare the way for war. We might say something like “what has happened to me has actually helped to take down any barriers for the gospel.”*

<sup>14</sup> and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. <sup>15</sup> Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup> These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup> the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

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<sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner<sup>A</sup> worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side<sup>B</sup> with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated<sup>C</sup> by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted<sup>D</sup> you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

<sup>A</sup> *live your life in a manner = Remember how in the first lesson I said that Philippi was a little Rome that Rome was setting up to entice people to cling to the Roman culture. The word Paul uses here means goes along with this idea. He is telling the Philippians not to live life as citizen of Rome, but of the kingdom of God.*

<sup>B</sup> *Striving side by side = teammates in a relay race.*

<sup>C</sup> *“Intimidated” is not persecution and is sometimes harder to deal with faithfully. For instance, people will realize that they need to take action when they find out they have cancer, but won't floss their teeth every night because they see it as trivial. Yet, not flossing can lead to a lot of health problems.*

<sup>D</sup> *graciously granted = given you a gift of charisma = where the word charismatic comes from. Suffering is one of the gifts of the Spirit. This is really hard to internalize when you are suffering.*