

Living Joyfully
Joy in My Circumstances
Philippians 1:12-30

Joy is not a set of _____

Joy is discovered through _____

**Four Focuses I Can Choose In
The Midst of My Circumstances:**

**1. Look beyond the
_____ to see
_____**
(12-14)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”
(James 1:2-3)

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,”
(Romans 5:3-4)

Jesus didn't come into the world primarily to make my life _____, but to give my life _____

Paul saw two results of his chains:

- _____ - The imperial guard
- _____ - Other believers

Note: This was not Paul's plan!

2. Look beyond the

_____ to see the
_____ (15-18)

There will always be those who operate out of _____ rather than love and faith

Paul Models for Us Two Helpful Responses:

- Remember the _____
- Remember what's _____

The most important thing in life is not _____, but _____ the one who gave his life for us

3. Look beyond the

_____ to
see the _____ (19-26)

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Paul Had:

- A _____ love for Christ
- An _____ love for others

There will be no sustained joy in my life unless I can answer “Yes” to two key questions:

- Can I face life with _____?
- Can I face death with _____?

4. Look beyond the _____ to see the _____ (27-30)

The good news is more than a message it is a _____

This is not legalistically obeying moral laws, but it is displaying the spirit and love of Jesus Christ in every circumstance and every relationship!

Four Lifestyle Choices:

“standing firm in one spirit” - I will continue to _____

“striving side by side for the faith” - I will not concede to _____

“not frightened in anything by your opponents” - I will not be controlled by _____

“suffer for his sake” - I will not be confused by _____

Believers have two privileges:

- To _____ on him
- To _____ for him

The _____ is the perfect example of these truths

“looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

Making It Personal:

- Can I face life with purpose? Can I face death with confidence?
- What circumstances are draining my “joy level” right now?
- How can I “look beyond” to refocus my heart and mind?
- Who can I share these truths with?