

# Living Courageously

## 25-Day Devotional in Philippians

### DAY 4

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 3 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 1:12-14 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- What can the game of life take from you or give you to remove your joy?
- What does it feel like to you when you take your eyes off your circumstances and look to encourage others? (vv. 12-14)
- How can you find joy in the Master's Plan (the Gospel)? (vv. 13-14)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some extra questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- Compare verse 12 to James 1:2-4 in light of having a "*positive reality built on faith in the absolute truth of Jesus and His Master plan for your life,*" (Mark Foreman).
- What sort of "chains" are you under? Determine whether those chains are binding you in discouragement, resentment or darkness, or being used to live for Christ in your circumstances.
- Describe how you can have eyes on others in spite of your personal circumstances. (See also Leviticus 19:18; Luke 6: 27-28; 22:42; Philippians 2:5-8)
- In what ways can you become more confident in being a witness for Jesus?
- In what ways can you help others see beyond their circumstances, encouraging their faith in Christ and their boldness in their witness?
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?