

The Thing You Didn't Choose Might Change You

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BIG IDEA

We can endure suffering and sacrifice for the good of others because we trust God is using it to advance His purposes.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Philippians 1:6, Philippians 1:12-18, Philippians 1:21, Philippians 1:24-25

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1. Paul saw his imprisonment as an opportunity for the gospel to advance. Can you think of a difficult situation in your life that God may have used—or could use—for a greater purpose than you originally realized?
 2. Philippians 1:6 reminds us that God finishes what He starts. Where do you see evidence that God is still at work in your life, even if the process feels slow or unfinished?
 3. Paul rejoiced whenever Christ was proclaimed, even when others had mixed motives. Why do you think it can be difficult to celebrate what God is doing through people we may not agree with, understand, or even like?
 4. "For to me, to live is Christ." If someone observed your priorities, schedule, and conversations this week, what would they say you are living for?
 5. Paul chose to remain and continue serving others because it would help their progress and joy in the faith. Who has made sacrifices that have helped you grow, and how might God be inviting you to invest in someone else's growth right now?