

FAITH NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
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INTRODUCTION:

A. Remember: we worship a God that brings good out of anything.

We know that in all that happens God works for good of those who love him and are called according to His purpose.

— Romans 8:28

I will praise the Lord no matter what happens.

— Psalm 34:1

I. WHENEVER YOU FACE A PROBLEM WITH FAITH...

A. It is a good example (witness) to others (unchurched).

Everyone here (in the Roman prison) including the soldiers in the palace guard, know that I am in chains because of Christ.

— Philippians 1:13

B. It is an encouragement to other Christians.

And because of my imprisonment, many believers here have gained confidence and been encouraged to speak fearlessly in telling others about Christ.

— Philippians 1:14

II. LEARN TO LIVE ABOVE OTHER'S OPINIONS

A. Live above your critics.

It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry.

— Philippians 1:15

B. Live above your challengers.

Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ... They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerity.

— Philippians 1:16-17

C. Live like Paul, whose attitude was:

• ***But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice.*** — Philippians 1:18

• ***Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God Himself.*** — Philippians 1:28

• ***For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for Him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for Him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of a great struggle.***
— Philippians 1:29-30

III. REMEMBER, GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK

A. Know it, live it.

For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

— Philippians 1:19

B. Stay focused on His purpose in you....not the problem outside of you.

But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live (not die and go to heaven).

Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.

— Philippians 1:25

CONCLUSION: