

## *Overcomer*

### *Part 2: My Purpose*

*"I thank my God every time I remember you."* – Philippians 1:3

**Paul's purpose in life was not to be comfortable or secure.**

*"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."* – Philippians 1:21

**When Paul talks about the purpose of his life, the focus is not on "what is the purpose" but "who is the purpose."**

**Living as an overcomer means we are not living for ourselves, but the purpose of our lives is Jesus Christ.**

*"Now I want you to know, brothers... I want to be especially clear about something."* – Phil. 1:12

*"I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. I want you to know this is all good, because what has happened has really served to advance the gospel."* – Philippians 1:12-14

*"As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly."* – Philippians 1:13

*"Because of my chains..."* – Philippians 1:14

**Sometimes our greatest obstacles provide for us the greatest opportunity to show the world the God we serve.**

*"It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in prison."* – Philippians 1:15

*"This doesn't matter. The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice."* – Philippians 1:18

*"I am put here for the defense of the gospel."* – Philippians 1:16

*"Yes, and I will continue to rejoice for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance."* – Phil. 1:18-19

*"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I live, I get to glorify Christ. If I die, I get to be with Christ. I'm not sure which is better."* – Philippians 1:18-19

*"If I am to go on living in the body this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body."* – Philippians 1:22-24

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."* – Phil. 1:27

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