



### THE POWER OF

- PERSPECTIVE to how we choose to see life.
- PERSPECTIVE is the <u>lens</u> we use to filter the world around us and within us.
- PERSPECTIVE is a <u>skill</u> we must learn, a <u>discipline</u> we must nurture.

### PERSPECTIVE The Path to Joy

I must learn to see detours as doorways.

"I want you to know that what happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel."

### **FOR PAUL**

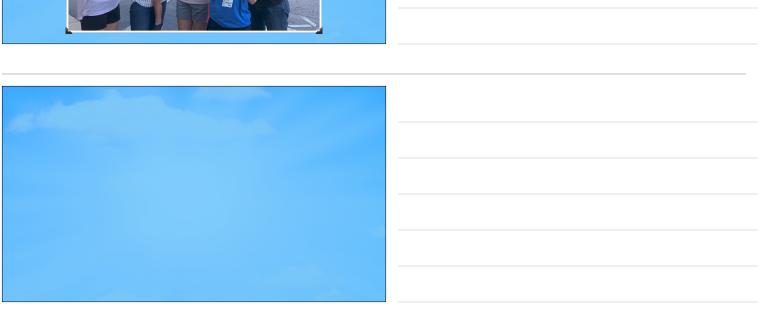
# IMPRISONMENT WASN'T PRISON, IT WAS A PLATFORM TO PROCLAIM CHRIST TO AN UNEXPECTED AUDIENCE.

Learn to see advantage in disadvantages, and a detour through difficulty will become a doorway to delight.

## PERSPECTIVE The Path to Joy

**STEP 2** I must learn to disarm my detractors.





# "Selfish Ambition"

partisanship; to canvas for office, a zero-sum effort to gain support.

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**Criticism only has** power over me if I empower it.

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"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."

PHILIPPIANS

### SANCTIFIED Suffering

"Exalt" (megaluno):

to magnify, to make great, to shine the light on.

Paul pre-decided that the end result of his suffering, be it deliverance or death, would be to exalt Jesus.

### SANCTIFIED Suffering

When a believer is put under the microscope of suffering, unbelievers can suddenly see how big Jesus is.

"This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God."

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When I choose to view life through a higher prism— a DISCIPLED PERSPECTIVE—I will be well down the path to indestructible joy.

