



HICKORY GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

A Joy-Centered Life | Philippians 1:12-18

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*"I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me
has really served to advance the gospel."
Philippians 1:12*

Theme: A Joy-Centered Life is a Gospel-Centered Life (1:12-18).

1. A Gospel-Centered Life Sees **Pain** as **Providential** (1:12-13).

- **Genesis 50:20**, *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."*
- **Job 1:21**, *"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*
- **Acts 2:23-24**, *"This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."*

2. A Gospel-Centered Life Sees **Fear** as **Unfounded** (1:14).

- **Psalm 56:3-4**, *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?"*
- **Luke 12:4-5**, *"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he was killed, has authority to cast into hell."*

3. A Gospel-Centered Life Sees **Esteem** as **Expendable** (1:15-18).

- **Psalm 115:1**, *"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"*