

## UNCOMMON SENSE

### Philippians 1:12-19 (NIV)

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- I. \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. They can \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ encounters (so they can \_\_\_\_\_).
- B. They \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. They \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ changed others.
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ learned about \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. They \_\_\_\_\_ many \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. They \_\_\_\_\_ some to \_\_\_\_\_ in Paul's \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ period \_\_\_\_\_ more for the \_\_\_\_\_ than if he had been \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. His example " \_\_\_\_\_ " many \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ up.
- B. His " \_\_\_\_\_ letters" \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Prov. 22:15  
Acts 21:17 -28:31

Acts 12:5

Matt. 5:11-12  
II Cor. 4:17  
Neh. 8:10  
James 1:2-4

Phil. 4:21-22

James 3:14-16  
I Cor. 4:2-5

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<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

### Journey Group Questions

1. Give an example of an experience, either about yourself or someone else, who, at least for that incident, was "CSC," (common sense challenged).
2. How have you seen adversities advance the Lord's purposes? What examples can you think of from the Bible?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:13-17 together. How does this passage connect to adversities moving us into "unplanned encounters"? How do we make sure we are "ready" when one of those unplanned encounters occurs? (v.15)
4. Can you think of a time when adversity moved you to prayer? If your prayer life changed for the long term after this, how? If not, why not?
5. How do adversities move us to a greater joy? What examples are there of this in the Bible?
6. What Scriptures do you rely on for courage? What do these say about God or His promises?