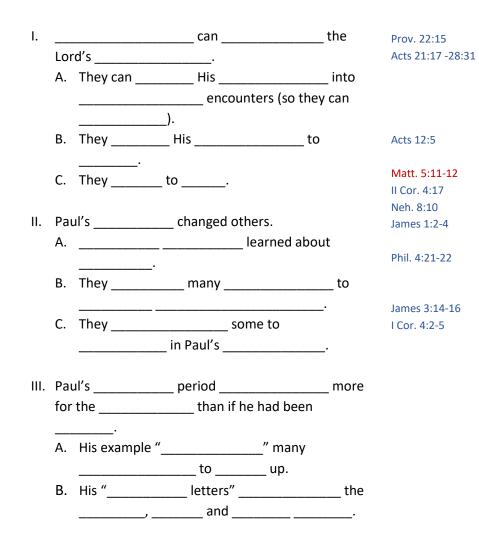
## **UNCOMMON SENSE**

Philippians 1:12-19 (NIV) D Bechtel, January 29, 2023



## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-19 NIV

<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?
- 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?

## **NEW HEIGHTS**