

LESSONS  
LEARNED

PHILIPPIANS 1:6-14

## **Philippians 1:6-14**

**6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

**7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.**

**8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.**

**9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;**

## **Philippians 1:6-14 - continued**

**10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.**

**11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**

**12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;**

**13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;**

**14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

# What Paul Learned

- A. God will finish the good work that He starts in you**
- B. God's grace reaches everywhere and is extended to all**
- C. He wanted to be around other Christians**
- D. Abounding love leads to the knowledge and judgment to do right actions in sincerity**
- E. Spreading the gospel of Christ is the goal wherever and whenever we are**
- F. We influence those around us**

## **Proverbs 1:5**

**A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:**

# **I. We Need To Pay Attention When God Is Trying To Get Our Attention**

## **Exodus 3:1-4**

**1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.**

**2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.**

**3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.**

**4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.**

# **I. We Need To Pay Attention When God Is Trying To Get Our Attention**

- A. When we are just doing the mundane**
- B. When some things do not make sense**
- C. God will speak when we turn aside**
- D. It does not have to be a remarkable event**

**1 Samuel 3:10**

**And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.**

## **II. We Need To Change Our Attitude When God Speaks**

**2 Kings 20:1-6**

**1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.**

**2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,**

**3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.**

## **II. We Need To Change Our Attitude When God Speaks**

**2 Kings 20:1-6 - continued**

**4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,**

**5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.**

**6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.**

## **II. We Need To Change Our Attitude When God Speaks**

**A. How do we respond when we hear bad news of a personal nature?**

**B. God hears the prayer of the humbled**

**Psalm 34:18**

**The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.**

**C. God sends relief**

**Psalm 28:7**

**The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.**

# **III. We Need To Take Action When God Allows Adversity To Occur**

**Acts 8:1**

**And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.**

# **III. We Need To Take Action When God Allows Adversity To Occur**

**Acts 11:19-21**

**19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.**

**20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the LORD Jesus.**

**21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.**

# **III. We Need To Take Action When God Allows Adversity To Occur**

**A. Our faith can grow or diminish when tested**

**B. Adversity can take us out of our comfort zone**

**C. God knows what we are experiencing**

# **III. We Need To Take Action When God Allows Adversity To Occur**

**1 Peter 3:12-15**

**12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.**

**13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?**

**14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;**

**15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:**

**ARE WE LEARNING  
GOD'S LESSONS?**