



**Philippians 1:6** – And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished . . .

**Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel**

**Philippians 1:12-14** 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.

Circle something that's happened to you:

- Falsely accused
- Beaten
- Ridiculed
- Discarded
- Devalued by people he thought were close to him.
- Hated for no reason.
- Perceived as a problem.
- Laughed at
- Mocked
- Forgotten
- Cheated

1. Bloom where your **planted**.

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2. Your **response** to circumstances inspires or discourages those around you.

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3. Maturation **stations**.

- a. Suffering is **necessary**.
  - b. Perseverance can be **learned**.
  - c. Perseverance strengthens **character**.
  - d. Character breeds **HOPE!!!!**
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**Practice points:**

- a. Don't **run**.
  - b. **Face** into the problem.
  - c. Don't **give** up.
  - d. Ask for **HELP!**
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**NEW GUESTS:** We're so glad you're here! We would love to get to know you, so please do us a favor and fill out a Connection Card and turn it in to one of our team members at the Connection Point under the sails.

**KIDS | 0-5th GRADE:** If you have kids, please stop by our Coast City Kids lobby to check them in!

**JR HIGH:** Join our 6th-8th graders during our 10:30 service.

**QUESTIONS?** Come visit us at the Connection Point after service, or speak to one of our Hosts.



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## Study Questions

Read **Phil 1:12-14**

1. Be brave with us, share a time when you suffered.
2. Back to verse 6. What is the good work God is planning to finish?
3. What is something in your life that has caused you to mature?
4. Why do we all need to suffer? Discuss.
5. Why is the word perseverance so powerful? Do you think this is something that can be learned? How do you suggest we learn it?
6. What is the character of the people around your group, please take this opportunity to encourage each other with great character traits you've noticed.
7. How does strong character turn into HOPE???
8. How can YOU inspire HOPE in others around YOU?
9. Take time to pray over each other.

### **Excited to see you at one of the mid-week gatherings this week!**

- a. MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:14 am join our online devotion with Doug and Gretchen! Facebook or YouTube. We'd love to see you!
- b. Tuesday            -    Sisterhood                            -    6:30pm
- The Well                                       -    7:00pm
- b. Wednesday   -    Coast City Youth                   -    6:30pm
- c. Thursday        -    Fireshop                                   -    6:30pm

**If you'd be interested in volunteering, here's where you begin! We'd love to have YOU:**



Volunteer Form