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What's Paul trying to accomplish in Philippians 1:12-26?

Paul's explaining a gospel perspective on his circumstances; a perspective all Christians should have in their own circumstances. He's explaining how his personal suffering and difficulties don't matter as long as Christ is proclaimed (v. 18) and Christ is honored (v. 20)

Why is Paul's report so encouraging?

Because even though it seems like Paul's whole gospel mission has been thwarted (by being imprisoned), it has instead turned out to be spiritually fruitful: new unbelievers have heard the gospel and some have been saved (v. 13) and other believers have become more confident in Christ by Paul's example (v. 14)

What are we supposed to learn from Paul's attitude towards his suffering?

Suffering can distract us from the bigger picture; our lives need to be about something bigger than ourselves. That 'bigger thing' is the gospel: making Christ known. When that is our perspective, we can trust God's sovereign promise to give us opportunities wherever we are (like Paul had w/ the Praetorian guards), and that our example can strengthen others, and that we can live in real joy knowing Christ is using us in His amazing plan!

What are 3 ways that Philippians 1:12-14 explains where to see the power of the gospel? (aka, some ways that we can become more confident in the gospel, besides looking at ourselves)

- 1) *Anyone can be saved by the gospel*
- 2) *Any circumstance can be an opportunity for the gospel*
- 3) *Many examples provide strength in the gospel*

The biggest takeaway is that we need to see how powerful the gospel is (aka, seeing how powerfully Christ transforms people by the gospel) so that we continue to participate in gospel ministry