**Welcome to Philippians: Serving & Suffering Joyfully**

**Session 4: The Key to Keeping Your Joy**

**Philippians 1:12-18**

**What is your focus?**

* Gospel
* Lordship of Christ
* relationship

***Life may be hard, but when we keep our focus on Christ, we have reason to sing!***

**Is the Gospel first?**

* Philippians 1:12-14
  + mission is accomplished (1:12)
  + people are hearing the Gospel (1:13)
  + Gospel is being spread (1:14)

***Ambition and desires succeed the gospel, not proceed it!***

**Who gets the Glory?**

* Philippians 1:15-18
  + Motives (v.15-17)
    - beware of temptation to promote self
    - others envy you
    - grace to minister out of love
  + Rejoicing (v.18)
    - message over messengers
    - purity over presentation

***You can rejoice and tell others to rejoice no matter where life has placed you!***