

GOD'S ACTIVITY IN OUR CAPTIVITY

March 16, 2025

Philippians 1:12-18

OUR CAPTIVITY REVEALS A _____!

3 Ways God is Active When We are Captive:

I. Captivity opens _____ . – v. 12-13

II. Captivity _____ in Christians. – v. 14

III. Captivity never applies to _____ . – v. 15-18

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Philippians 1:12-18. Paul knew captivity well. It was like his home away from home. What stands out to you about his opening description of his current captivity? If you were in jail for simply spreading the Gospel, what would be the opening line of your letter about it? What does this reveal about Paul's heart and perspective?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Captivity wasn't Paul's choice and I doubt it would have been his preference. Yet he clearly found God's activity in it. What unexpected audience did Paul gain for his Gospel message through his captivity? Paul saw this new audience as a divine appointment. What do you currently feel trapped by in your life (Personal, Professional, Spiritual, Familial, etc....)? Who are the people who come with your current captivity?

Courage is what we do whenever convictions carry a cost, and in the context of captivity courage becomes contagious. How is your courage in your current captivity?



Use the following questions to help assess your own courage:

1. How do people experience me in captivity?
2. Are there any conversations I am avoiding right now to keep the peace?
3. Am I tolerating something sinful in me or others because I fear the loss of their love or am carrying an inordinate need for their approval?
4. When was the last time I asked someone I trust for ways I could improve in the affected area of my life?
5. Who is currently being impacted by my courage or lack courage of in this captivity and how?

Paul points out how selfish ambition, envy and rivalry sneak into our hearts and lives even when we are spreading the Gospel. Are you experiencing any of these things in your current efforts to live for Jesus and serve Him in your life? What can you do about it?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Paul rejoices that the good news about Jesus is spreading even though they are spreading bad news about him. What do you feel trapped by? How can you rejoice that Jesus is still being glorified or the Gospel is still continuing to spread in the midst of your captivity or struggle?

