

Because of My Chains: Philippians 1.12-14
[Going Deeper]

Read Philippians 1.12-14

What are your chains? How are you responding to them? What does our response say about what or who we are trying to advance?

How are your chains shaping you? How did Paul's chains shape him?

Why does Paul say that his chains have actually advanced his message of grace?

Why does he insist that Jesus' message actually thrives in adversity? What are some examples from the Scriptures of that?

Read 2 Corinthians 4.6-12 & 2 Corinthians 6.4-10

How do these verses help explain Paul's perspective on suffering?

Is it possible that we actually slow down the advancement of the gospel of grace in our lives and the lives of others by our commitment to avoid/dwell on our suffering?

Read through Joseph's life in Genesis 36-50

What seemed to be Joseph's understanding of suffering? What was his conclusion in Genesis 50.20? How did that shape his life and relationships?

What ways of thinking do you need to embrace and reject in order to live in this way?

Read 2 Corinthians 12.7-10

List your chains and thank God for the opportunities your chains present to experience grace and to advance the gospel.