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## Everything Is Amazing & Nobody Is Happy (Philippians 1:1-21)

*Warmup: Do you find yourself in good humor due to technology? Does technology enable you to live life at a faster pace?*

What are your initial thoughts concerning the quote: “Everything is amazing and nobody is happy?”

### READ Philippians 1:1-21

- What words or phrases describe Paul’s relationship with his friends at the church in Philippi?
  - Why does he feel this way?
- Paul accredits the advancement of the gospel to what factors?
  - As a result of these factors, what has happened?
- Paul is imprisoned due to creating civic disorder when he cast out a demon from a girl who earned money for her master by telling fortunes (Acts 16:16-19). Does Paul hold a grudge since he is punished for healing the girl?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?
  - Are there difficult things in your life God has used to point people to His power and love?

### REFLECT

- How is it possible for Paul to experience joy when he is wrongfully punished and imprisoned?
  - What attitudes and beliefs are involved in his positive countenance?
- How often do you believe the idea that “I cannot be happy unless I’ve got it all together”? Explain your reasoning.
- As you read Philippians 4:4, and Philippians 1:1-8, how can you find joy?
- How do you live in consistent joy?
  - What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to release into His control?

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## RESPOND

- The Greek word “chairō” means to rejoice exceedingly. How will you apply this in your daily lives?
- Does Philippians 1:6 fill you with confidence? Why or why not?
- With one person in your Life Group, share a Scripture or worship song that is encouraging you and building confidence in your soul.
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week?