

Things that Happened to Me

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Philippians 1:12-21.

II. One of the greatest joys of the Christian life is being able to bring problems into perspective. (Philippians 4:10)

A. We must come to terms with our problems.

B. Living is finding contentment in all circumstances.

III. Another joy is bringing pain into perspective.

A. Paul was deeply hurt by the opposition against him, but he rejoiced because Christ was being preached.

B. The message matters more than men.

1. We can experience a new kind of exhilaration.

2. New areas of the gospel had been pioneered because of Paul's pain.

3. The people spoke much more boldly in the name of Jesus.

Application questions:

1. What things did Paul bring into perspective in order to experience more joy?

2. What is the message that Paul was willing to experience pain for? How does this message bring pain into perspective?

3. What can you do to preach Jesus more boldly? Explain.
