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Gospel Pain = Gospel Gain

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Philippians 1:12a (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me...

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Happened to me?

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Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become

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Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)

confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

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Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

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Outsiders are Hearing

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Insiders are Emboldened

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“Paul’s example is impressive and clear: Put the advance of the gospel at the center of your aspirations. Our own comfort, our bruised feelings, our reputations, our misunderstood motives – all of these are insignificant in comparison with the advance and splendor of the gospel. As Christians, we are called upon

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to put the advance of gospel at the very center of our aspirations.

What are your aspirations? To make money? To get married? To travel? To see your grandchildren grow up? To find a new job? To retire early? None of these is inadmissible; none is to be despised. The question is

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whether these aspirations become so
devouring that the Christian's central
aspiration is squeezed to the periphery or
choked out of existence entirely.”

-DA Carson

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Motives Aside, Christ is Proclaimed

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