



Bold Because...

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My paraphrase of Paul – “‘I am suffering.’ My circumstances stink. It is not easy. It is challenging, difficult, demanding. Life right now is tough. Many would conclude because of this the gospel won’t go forward. But they are wrong.”



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My paraphrase of Paul – “Though others try to stop me, they can never, ever stop the gospel. They put me in prison. You might be put in prison. However, the gospel cannot be stopped no matter how bad the circumstances we face, when we boldly promote Jesus.”



Philippians 1:12-14

¹² 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 confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.



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⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,



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 - **Be bold, risk and endure suffering. God will use us to save others.**



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