



## The Gospel Will Advance - No Matter What!

### *Advancing the Gospel: Right Where You Are*

Philippians 1:12-18a  
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1. Advancing the Gospel Fearlessly (12-14)

2. Advancing the Gospel Effectively (15-18a)

### **Quick Review**

1. Was there anything in the passage that challenged or encouraged you?
2. How did this passage of Scripture help you see Christ better?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. What does this teach us about God and what he does, and what does this teach us about us and what God does through us?
2. The believers in Rome grew in boldness because of Paul's example (v.14). Who has inspired you to be more confident in your faith? How might God use your story to inspire others?

3. Are there people in your life you've written off as "too hard" or "not ready" to hear about Christ? How does Paul's joy in unexpected gospel progress challenge that mindset?

2. What's one fear that holds you back from speaking about Jesus? What truth from this sermon could help you move forward anyway?

4. The sermon quoted Isaiah 55:10-11, emphasizing God's promise that His word "shall not return to me empty." Does knowing God is ultimately responsible for gospel fruitfulness encourage you to talk to people about Christ?

3. Are there times you've been tempted to talk about "Christian issues" (politics, morality, etc.) instead of the person of Jesus? How can you keep Christ central in conversations?

### **Taking It Home**

1. Paul focused more on how the gospel was doing than on how he was doing. How would your perspective on your circumstances change if you adopted that mindset?

4. Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus—not just arguments, but the person of Christ? What step could you take toward that conversation this week?