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**Topic**: Adversity, Suffering, Orthopraxis, Salvation
**Date**: 04/25/2021 **Scripture**: Philippians 1:18d-26

**Where is Your Focus?**

“The Right Response in the Midst of Adversity”

**Text: Philippians 1:18d-26** 18d Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

**English Standard Version**

*A right response to adversity…*

**Point #1: Requires you to:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! (vs. 18d-20)**

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**Point #2: Requires you to:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! (vs. 21-24)**

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**Point #3: Requires you to:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! (vs. 25-26)**

**Corollary Verses:** 2 Cor 1:11; John 12:27-28; 1 Cor 10:31: 1 Cor 15:12-19; 2 Kings 6:17-18; Rom 8:35-39; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Eph 5:2; Rom 12:10, 15; Eph 6:6-7

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Psalm 34:3-6, 2 Cor 1:11** and **Philippians 1:19,** then answer the following questions. How does reliance on God work out for our deliverance in times of trouble? Does this guarantee that we will not walk-through troubled times? If not, how do the above verses remain true? How does **John 16:33** bring more light to this question?

2.) Read **John 12:27-28** and **1 Cor 10:31,** thenanswer the following questions. What are ways that we forget about the requirement to glorify Christ in all things? How can we refocus our attention to this mandate? How does **Psalm 19:1, 73:25-26** and **96:12-13** show us the proper perspective of the need to praise God?

3.) Read **2 Kings 6:17-18; 2 Cor 4:18,** and  **John 3:15,** thenanswer the following questions. How often do we forget that there is more to reality than what we see? How does this influence our thoughts? How can a reflection of **2 Cor 4:16-18** change our perspective?

4.) Read **Eph 5:2; 16, Phil 2:4;** and **Romans 12:10,** and answer the following questions. When you are in the midst of struggles, suffering and adversity, do you seek ways to serve others? Why don’t we do this? How does serving others aid in relieving you of suffering? Read **Eph 6:6-7**. How does this work if we are just “doing what we gotta do?”