Sermon Questions Philippians 1:19-26

This week we discussed how we can grow our prophetic voice so that we are actually able to "talk our walk." In other words, what are the necessary foundations for us to be able to speak up in a situation and have our words matter? The Apostle Paul never had to change his messaging because he was indeed a man whose deeds aligned with his words. Sometimes, as believers, we yearn to be more aligned with what we truly believe. During the growth of our sanctification process, God is helping us to develop in our character, so we reflect His glory. May God help you set a stronger foundation in your walk with Him so that your voice is stronger and has a greater influence for Him.

Please review the sermon notes below...

## MEMOIRS OF A PRISONER OF WAR

Your Practice as a Prophet Philippians 1:19-26

Growing your prophetic voice results from...

Knowing present circumstances are temporary. (19)

Believing that Christ is being exalted in your life. (20-21)

Desiring to serve Christ while yearning to be with Him. (22-25)

Helping others increase their joy in the faith. (26)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can <u>watch it here</u>. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our <u>Small Group platform</u> to get connected with a group that will work for you.

- 1. How certain is change to your current circumstances? Knowing that your present situation is guaranteed to change what prevents you from speaking the truth in love? Why?
- 2. What should you do when you are in the midst of good circumstances? What should you do when you are in the middle of awful circumstances? Why should our approach to our circumstances remain similar regardless of what is happening?

- 3. How does Christ receive glory from your life? What is the significance of knowing that God is being glorified in your life? How does glorifying God change the trajectory of your life?
- 4. Why was Paul certain that God would be glorified even if Paul died? Describe the liberty that you feel knowing that either in death of life that you would bring glory to God? In order for Paul to be so confident, what must the focus of his life have been?
- 5. Why was Paul torn between living and dying? What were the advantages or disadvantages of each choice? How is Paul's thinking similar or different to yours?
- 6. Why did Paul want to continue to live? Why did he want to die? Which did Paul consider the best choice? Why?
- 7. Why did Paul find it more necessary to continue to live? How would the church at Philippi have benefited from His life? What did Paul consider the primary purpose of his life? How should our primary purpose be similar? Different?
- 8. What tension develops the longer that we serve the Lord? How can one serve faithfully when one is wanting to be with Christ?
- 9. Why would the Philippians have had great joy if and when they saw Paul again? Who would they have glorified when they saw him again?
- 10. Which of the areas discussed this week will help you set a stronger foundation for your prophetic voice? How can you specifically focus on that area this week?

## What's Happening at BRAVE?

We are "back" in the building for Worship Services – May 30/31 Yes – online services will continue also!

An email will come out this week with details – stay tuned!

First Tuesday - June 2 from 6:30-8:00pm

Both live AND online // unfortunately, no meal or Kid's ministry being offered