



Introduction:

- All of us have experienced adversity in our lives to one degree or another, and we wonder why God would allow such circumstances. But the truth is,

God Always Has a _____ for Our Adversity!

- Paul was no stranger to difficulties in life and even in ministry. He knew what it was like to experience hardship. But he understood and embraced two of God's glorious purposes for adversity and he chose to rejoice in what God was doing through him and in him!

God Uses Adversity to _____.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel (Philippians 1:12).

- **Adversity Provides _____.**
...so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ (v. 13).
- **Adversity Can Produce _____.**
And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear (v. 14).

God Uses Adversity to _____.

Three things at work in our lives to accomplish our growth:

- **The _____ of other believers.**
For I know that through your prayers... (v. 19a)
- **The work of the _____.**
...and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance... (v. 19b)
- **My own _____.**
...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 (v. 20).

Conclusion:

1. Who are the people in my life watching my response to the adversity I am going through?
 - a. Are they _____?
 - b. Are they being _____?
2. Where do I need help to grow through my current trials?
 - a. Who can I ask to _____?
 - b. Am I surrendering daily to _____?
 - c. What do I need to do to _____?