Devotion Info

- Where Chains Lose Their Power -

DAY 1: Read Philippians 1:12-18

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Philippians 1:12-18 NLT

- What story in your life complements the statement by Paul, "What has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel?"

Application:

- What is your story of faith that would encourage your Life Group to express theirs?

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- Read verses 13-14. What would have to take place in your life for you to become confident in the Lord to share your faith without fear?

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- Do you think that the "palace guard" and "all the rest" (the cooks, the servants, the tailors, gardeners, musicians, the singers, etc.) would have ever had the opportunity to hear the gospel had Paul not been in prison?

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- How do you see the perceived "chains" in your life giving courage to other believers?

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- Read verse 15. What does this description of what some are preaching mean to you?

Application:

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