

# KEEPING IT IN A SPLIT-APART TOGETHER WORLD

## PHILIPPIANS: A LETTER FOR OUR TIMES

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### **Read Philippians 1:12-19**

When Paul says "I want you to know" in verse 12, it adds emphasis that he thinks his next words are particularly important. What might have made him want the Philippians to pay so much attention to this section?

Can you think of a case where you've gone through something painful or difficult that God has used to advance the gospel? What showed you that was happening?

Compare this section with 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Philippians 4:12-13 and James 1:2-4. Do these verses feel like pressure or hope? Now look at Psalm 13. How do you balance our freedom to honestly complain to God and the encouragement to find joy and be thankful in all circumstances?

In verse 19, Paul talks about how what he is going through will be for his deliverance. We all need more freedom: from fear, judgment, pride, etc. Is there anything you'd like God to deliver you from right now? And are there circumstances you can see him using to do that?

Take some time to pray about circumstances that feel most pressing to you right now. Then pray for one other person you know who is experiencing real challenges.