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Sermon Outline

Key Scripture

What has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

Philippians 1:12

Spiritual Attitude Check

1. Do I tend to grumble and complain?

It has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

Philippians 1:13

2. Am I afraid to talk about Jesus?

The brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Philippians 1:14

3. Do I criticize others?

Some preach Christ out of selfish ambition... But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:17-18

ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

Opening Thought

We are called to advance the gospel. The Bible tells us we do that by living boldly for Christ and proclaiming Him to the world. But sometimes we need an attitude check...

For personal reflection or group discussion.

- How would those closest to you rate your attitude? Cheery? Cynical? Rotten?
- Why does the upside down picture of Adele seem normal until you flip it over?

Questions to go deeper in your faith.

Today John shared 3 questions for a spiritual attitude check. Which one hits you the hardest?

Read Philippians 2:5-8. What should our attitude be?

What circumstance in your life is causing you the most trouble with your attitude?

In what ways do you need to grow in boldness?

ACTION STEPS (to advance the gospel)

- 1) Be grateful. Embrace your situation with gratitude. Praise the Lord for placing you right where you are and ask him to use you!
- 2) Speak up. Influence others for Christ. Use your voice and your testimony. Creatively proclaim Christ - share Jesus with a friend (Write a note, do it over coffee, write it in an e-mail, tell someone about how good the Lord has been to you.)
- 3) Reach out. Encourage other believers. Look for ways that Christ is shining through them. Call out their giftedness and their unique role in the body of Christ.