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Last week, we looked at the idea of an abounding love. Paul desired for the Philippian believers to experience, exercise, and share the love of God. When they did

this, they brought glory and honor to God.

In the section of Scripture that we will look at today, Paul shares about how even with him being in prison, God was using him to advance the Gospel. We will see a somewhat different view of being wrongfully put into chains as Paul shows that God's will is greater than our will. We have the option to exalt Him no matter our circumstances.

We will see Paul standing firm for what he believed to be true. The Jews were against him. The Gentiles were against him, and even some of the church was against him, but his resolve was sure. Hopefully, we will understand that we too can stand firm for the cause of Christ in our day.

Our message title is "Striving and Suffering for Christ," and our points will be:

- 1 - Advancing the Gospel
- 2 - Exalting Christ
- 3 - Standing Firm

Because He Calls,
Pastor Miles

Striving and Suffering for Christ (Philippians 1:12-30)

Supporting Texts - Genesis 45:5, Ephesians 6:19-20, Matthew 28:18-20,
Ephesians 5:11, James 5:16, Acts 20:24,
Revelation 4:11, Isaiah 5:20, Ephesians 4:1,
Philippians 4:6-7, John 13:15-17

Striving and Suffering for Christ

Philippians 1:12-30

- **Explain the importance of Advancing the Gospel.**

- **Can the Gospel advance without your involvement? Explain.**

- **If God is God, why should we exalt Christ?**

- **How can you exalt Christ in your day-to-day life?**

- **Is it possible in our day to Stand Firm for Christ?**

- **Explain how the church can Stand Firm for Christ.**
