

No Matter What...
Rejoice in the LORD!
Philippians

Paul was in prison for serving Christ, awaiting imminent trial, and expecting either release ... or death. He was facing deprivation and needs which were only met by the generosity of others. Enemies were taunting him with their freedoms; a dear friend helping him was near death; he was concerned for the people he had been serving and praying for that they were bickering and struggling under their suffering and might be turned away from their faith, victory, and joy in Christ by enemies of the cross. **And he was rejoicing!**

Like Paul, Rejoice (ch. 1)!

What God is doing...

✓ **Refocus on Jesus – right thinking (ch. 2)**

Imitate Jesus – Obedient service >> exalted to rule.

✓ **Reorient our priorities – right goals (ch. 3)**

So Rejoice in the LORD (not my achievement)!

✓ **Realign our lives – right actions (ch. 4)**

Stand firm – rejoicing in the LORD!

Focus on (and live for) the coming celebration, not the current chaos.