

Job 13v15-16

Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him;

I will surely defend my ways to his face.

16 Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance,
for no godless person would dare come before him!

Job 13v18

18 Now that I have prepared my case,

I know I will be vindicated.

How do you see Job 13 connecting to what Paul is saying in Philippians 1v19?

When the pressure is on; when life turns sideways; things don't go the way you had hoped; what do you find yourself turning to?

From what you can see; how is Paul able to say; 'I will continue to rejoice; even in this situation?'

What Paul is not saying in Philippians 1v19

1. I'm going to get out of jail.
2. My suffering is going to end.
3. I'm going to avoid death.

Re-read **Philippians 1v1-19**. What do you hear in Paul's thoughts?
(Explore some of the main ideas that you see)

It seems like Paul has learned how to develop the mind of Christ; even when things aren't going well. How do you go about developing the mind of Christ?
(explore some practical things that we can do to become a community that is centered in this Christ pattern of thinking, acting and feeling)

What causes us to lose the plot (so to speak)? And by that I mean, we lose sight of the big picture. We lose hope. We turn to other things to deliver us.

Paul says,

1. It is through your prayers
2. And through the provision of the Spirit of Jesus

This will lead to my deliverance!

Why do you suppose we need each other? Isn't the Spirit of Jesus enough?
Isn't Jesus all we need?

Explore this together.

Closing.....

Spend some time praying together; over each other; listen to the hearts of your friends

Grace and Peace
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