



**Reference: Philippians 1:12-30**

## INTRODUCTION

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This week we will be continuing our conversation about how we can move past the pursuit of happiness to the experience of joy. Today specifically we will be looking at how our vantage point through which we view our lives changes everything.

## MAIN POINT

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We must adopt a heavenly vantage point to experience joy in our lives. This changes how we view our circumstances, how we experience joy, how we value others and lastly how we respond to God's call on our lives.

## ICE BREAKER

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Not counting an airplane, what's the highest up you have ever been? Where were you? Describe the view

## QUESTIONS

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- 1) Pastor John stated that a heavenly vantage point will put our circumstances into perspective. Read Phil. 1:12-14; how does Paul allow his heavenly vantage point to change the way he looks at his circumstance? (Prison)
- 2.) Paul turned his oppression into an opportunity for the gospel. All of us have hardships in our life, are there any in your life that with a change of vantage point could become an opportunity? (Ex: Morning commutes, Late Nights with kids, lost co-workers...)
- 3.) Pastor also stated that a heavenly vantage point will put joy in its proper place. Read Phil. 1:15-18, how could Paul delight in the selfish preachers' ministry? In whom was Paul's joy anchored? All of us at times lose our joy because we forget who it should be anchored in; what are some things or people you will wrongly attempt to find joy in at times?
- 4.) Read Phil. 1:19-26, in v. 25 Paul states that he chooses to remain for what reason? Was it for his pleasure and comfort? Paul's vantage point drove him to put whose needs first?
- 5.) What are some ways that you can put the need of others above those of yourself? How does changing your vantage point or perspective allow you to do that?
- 6.) Pastor John also stated that a new vantage point will lead us to say yes to God's call on our lives. In v. 27 Paul lays out part of that calling, what is it?
- 7.) What are some areas in your life that you may need a different vantage point? Is there an area that you know you need to say yes to God in?

**For Further Reading: Rom 1:15, 2 Cor. 5:8, 2 Tim. 4:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-5,**