

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from September 1-2, 2001

"Good Results from Bad Circumstances"

Observing the text

Read Philippians 1:21-26 and explain the tension that existed in Paul.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and explain the lack of tension that existed in Paul.

After Paul's release from Roman imprisonment, try to trace Paul's ongoing fruitful service using the Scriptures as best as you can.

Applying the sermon

What are the various tensions in your life? Are those tensions pressing harder on you than the tension Paul described in Philippians 1:21-26? Explain your answer.

How was Paul trying to be an example to the Philippians in allowing them to see how he worked through his internal conflict between two competing desires?

How can you be an example in the very same way in the present circumstances that you are facing? Explain your answer.

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Paul was quick to acknowledge the source of all good things in his life in Philippians 1:26. How did he do this? How do you deflect the positive attention people may give you to Christ?