

Making It Real  
Philippians 1:12-30

God Determines the Conditions Necessary to Maximize Our Value as Christ Expressers...

...and puts them into motion! - Phil 1:6

...and we work out what He has already worked in - Phil 2:12-13

Making It Real: Our Cooperation with His Operation

- We are learning to live as citizens of another realm - Phil 1:27; 3:20

...we remember who we are and Whose we are - Phil: 1:1

- We are learning to live in a manner worthy of the gospel - Phil 1:27

Making It Real: Making Use of Our Chains - Phil 1:12,13

- "If it only weren't for \_\_\_\_\_" - (limiting, restrictive circumstances)

...we don't live by the "facts" of life, but by our "story" about those facts

- Our Focus: The Lord of the Circumstances - Phil 1:28; Is 45:3-7

...we look to the greater reality

- We sacramentalize every event into a means of knowing and expressing Christ - Phil 1:20-26

...then these events press us forward - "pioneer" us into new territory - Phil 1:12

...the events are not accidents, but assignments - Phil 1:16

Making It Real: Our Response to Hardship - Phil 1:28-29

- We learn to endure them - I Cor 10:13; II Tim 4:5

...by the adequacy of Christ - II Cor 3:5

- We learn to embrace them - II Cor 12:10; II Tim 1:8

...we see them from our Father's hand - Jo 18:11

- We learn to exalt God in them - Phil 4:4

...they are a call to worship - Eph 5:20

...we lift our "chains" to God as a "sacrifice of praise" - Heb 13:15