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Week 1 – Perspective of Praise

*⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:4-7 NIV***

Perspective simply means: “How you see something”.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me really sucks. God let me down. I’m overwhelmed with anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. Because of the hell I’ve been through, I’m quitting church and never going back. **Philippians 1:12-13 Bad Perspective Version**

*¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. **Philippians 1:12-13 NLT***

*A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. **Acts 16:22 NLT***

*²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! **Acts 16:25-26 NLT***