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JOY COMES FROM PERSPECTIVE 1:12-26

The _____ - _____ of circumstances, people and things
can also be _____ - _____:

Persecution of Christians In The First Century:

- Came first from _____ and then the _____ . Acts 2; 7
- Was initially _____ . Acts 16:22-23
- Escalated exponentially in _____ when _____ blamed Christians for the burning of Rome.
- Paul was probably held under _____ .
- Inmates depended on friends and family for _____ .

Joy comes from a _____ - _____ :

1. How is this allowing the _____ ?
1:12
2. How is this revealing something _____ ?
1:14; 2Cor 12:9; 2Tim 2:9
3. How is this helping to _____ my _____ ?
1:15-18; James 1:8; 2Pet 2:14
4. How can I emerge from this with more passion and focus to _____ ? Php 1:20-26

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What thought from the message stands out most to you?

What does it mean to have a *gospel-focused perspective*?
How does that affect your ability to enjoy life?

How are you seeing the *gospel advanced* in your life and in others today?

What are some of the unique things God is revealing in your life?

What values are you seeing clarified through your situation today?

How are your experiences of late giving you more passion and focus to help others find and follow Jesus?

Why doesn't a Christian have to fear death?

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*The JOY-GIVERS of circumstances, people and things
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- Came first from RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS and then the ROMAN GOVERNMENT. Acts 2; 7
- Was initially LOCALIZED. Acts 16:22-23
- Escalated exponentially in 64AD when NERO blamed Christians for the burning of Rome.
- Paul was probably held under HOUSE ARREST.
- Inmates depended on friends and family for NECESSITIES.

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