

<sup>14</sup> Because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

**We can't agree with everyone, but we can agree on** . . . . .  
. . . . . is the centre of Christ-ianity  
If you do not crown Him Lord of . . . . .  
you do not crown Him Lord at all.  
The main thing, is to keep The Main Thing, as the . . . . .

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill <sup>16</sup> and love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the Gospel.

**We can't agree with methods, but we can agree on** . . . . .  
sincere is from two Latin words meaning . . . . .

<sup>11</sup>Put on the full armour of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes.

<sup>12</sup>Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers; against the authorities; against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

<sup>17</sup> That first group preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand. (Ephesians 6:11-13)

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? (Romans 14:4)

<sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. And yes, I will continue to rejoice.

**We can't agree on attitudes, but I can** . . . . .  
Whoever is not against you, is for you. (Luke 9:49-50)  
Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful with these few things. Enter into the joy of your Master. Matthew 25:23

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**My prayer points,  
10 September 2017**

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**This week's song selection**

Come, now is the time to worship / Behold the Lamb of God / Lord, I lift Your name on high / Let there be love shared among us / More, more about Jesus / Consider Christ / My hope is built / We, we are His people.

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**For personal reflection, or group discussion**

1. How many different styles of church have you attended? What benefits did you gain from each of them? What do you value about our church?
2. Why do you think Christians sidetrack themselves into non-core issues like gender; spiritual gifts; programs; Bible versions; or end times? What is the Main Thing, and how do we keep it the main thing?
3. Read Ephesians 6:11-13. What do we need to have; and what do we need to do?
4. How will this help us overcome the inconsistencies of Philippians 1: preaching Christ by "envy and rivalry" (v15) by "selfish ambition" (v17) or by "wrong motives" (v18).
5. Read Philippians 1:18. What attitude might Paul (or we) have expressed? How/Why can he (and we) choose to rejoice?

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