

His Pt. 13 *Chained to or Chained For?*

“for this reason.” Ephesians 3:1a

Right behaviors are anchored in right belief.

“For this reason”, whatever Jesus asks of us now should be gladly lived out based on our gratitude rather than just doing what we are supposed to do.

Perception “a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.” (slides only)

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I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles. Ephesians 3:1b

How we view and react to circumstances is more important than the actual circumstances.

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And 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. Philippians 1:12-14

Our lives should reflect a consistent pattern of risk for Jesus.

You can feel chained to, or you can feel chained for your circumstances.