

SERIES	All Hands on Deck
BIBLE	Philippians 1:12-18
TITLE	Sharing Hands
OVERVIEW	One of the most important parts of being ready in every season, is the ability to share the good news. Every single one of us who have given our lives to Jesus, have heard the good news from someone. God is calling you to do the same for someone else. And when you are ready to share Jesus at any time, it is amazing the opportunities that God will open up for you, and how God will use even your life as a testimony.
SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN	<p>#1: How You Live During Trials SHARES JESUS (Phil. 1:12-14) Paul is writing this while in prison. He is in prison for serving Jesus. While most of us would see that as a reason to be depressed or to be upset with God, Paul starts out by rejoicing that BECAUSE OF HIS IMPRISONMENT people are coming to Jesus! There are people who are watching Paul to see how he reacts to this trial, and because of his LIFE they are choosing to give their lives to Jesus as well. Many times, you have no idea who is watching, but how you respond when things don't go the way you had hoped, is a powerful way that God shines through you. It is a way that the world sees that the Gospel is real in your life. On top of all that, it will encourage others who are already believers to live their lives ALL IN.</p> <p>#2: Your Life Will Move Others to SHARE JESUS (Phil. 1:15-17) When you live a life that puts Jesus at the center—when your life shines Jesus even in the midst of trials—you become a catalyst. You bring the best out of others. No longer is it just you sharing... but your witness moves others to share as well. What is interesting about these verses is how even un-believers are moved to share Jesus (though for the wrong reasons). Don't underestimate how God wants to use you to get others sharing as well.</p> <p>#3: Don't Get Caught Up On Other People's Stories... YOU SHARE JESUS (Phil. 1:18) It is easy to get caught up in the "theology" of sharing over the actual sharing itself. Like Paul, you should embrace any possible way that the gospel is getting shared and let Jesus deal with the sharer's heart. Don't let your own judgments prevent the gospel from shining forward in someone else's life, let alone your own.</p>
GOSPEL	<p>Matthew 5:13-16 – Let your light shine outwards.</p> <p>John 12:24 – Unless a seed dies, it cannot produce fruit.</p>
NEXTSTEPS	Challenge each person to share Jesus with one person this week. To pray for God to open the opportunity.