



... I have written you ... to remind you
... of the grace God gave me,
Romans 15:15 (NIV)

Prison Letters

Philippians 1:12-25

"The chains on my arms are for God's glory," wrote Paul.

Paul had preached the Good News in many places and started churches in many cities, but because he preached the Truth, he was in chains and in prison.

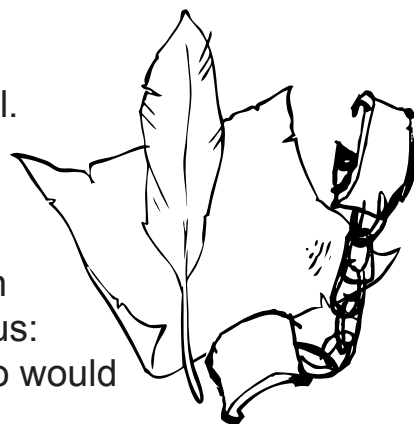
Suffering like that was hard for Paul, but he saw good in the middle of all that. He told everyone he met about Jesus: the guards, kings and governors, visitors and anyone who would listen to him.

Paul also used his time in prison to write important letters to encourage, teach and greet the Christians in the churches that followed Jesus. These letters were precious and helpful to the churches where he sent them.

In the end, Paul was killed because he followed Jesus Christ and didn't worship idols or just follow a religion. He died, but the letters he wrote continue to encourage, instruct and teach us. Today we have at least 13 of these letters in the Bible. We can read them and learn to put our faith in Jesus.

Paul's letters that are in the Bible are:

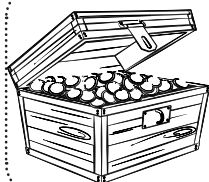
Romans	Philippians	2 Timothy
1 Corinthians	Colossians	Titus
2 Corinthians	1 Thessalonians	Philemon
Galatians	2 Thessalonians	Hebrews (maybe by Paul)
Ephesians	1 Timothy	



What did we discover?

- Paul suffered because he _____ the Good News of Jesus.
PREACHED ATTACKED IGNORED
- Paul _____ letters from prison.
EXPLAINED WROTE READ
- Paul was _____ because he followed Jesus.
HONORED SURPRISED KILLED
- Paul's letters from prison still _____ us.
BOTHER ENCOURAGE SAVE

How can I glorify God even when it's hard?



God uses everything for good.

God wants to do something good with my life.



Lord, please use me for something that will help others.

