

â??Whateverâ? Faith

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Philippians 1:19-30

â??Whatever! From now on that is going to be my philosophy.â? Cartoonist Charles Schultz put those words in the mouth of Charlie Brownâ?s sister Sally. She foretold a generation of adolescents who respond to comments by their elders with a cynical â??Whatever!â?

Paulâ?s â??whateverâ? was not the passive-aggressive response of rebellious youth, but the steadfast statement of faith by a seasoned saint. His â??whateverâ? stood firm (1:8). Paul saw what happened to him had â??really served to advance the gospelâ? (1:12). He said, â??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 (1:14, TNIV).

Paul desired for the Philippian believers to share his â??whateverâ? faith. â??Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christâ? (1:27). â??Whateverâ? faith demonstrates trust that God is at work through our lives.

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