



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 28, 2021 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

## **“Struggling Well: Without Fear”**

Philippians 1:27-30

1. Struggling well without fear requires one ambition—making our manner of life worthy of the Gospel that has changed us. (Philippians 1:27-28a)
2. Struggling well without fear requires knowing one's destiny. (Philippians 1:28b)

3. Struggling well without fear requires an acceptance of real hardship.  
(Philippians 1:29-30)

## Table Talk

- 1) In what ways do you see others living lives worthy of the Gospel of Christ? What makes a life worthy of the Gospel? How does Paul connect a life worthy of the Gospel to a life in the Spirit? How does he connect it to a life of unity with other believers? (v. 27)
- 2) Why does living a life worthy of the Gospel leave us in a position where we do not have to be afraid of those who oppose the Gospel? What are some ways that you see the Gospel opposed? What fears do you have as a result of that opposition? How can living a life worthy of the Gospel eliminate that fear? (v. 28)
- 3) What is the end of opponents to the Gospel? What is the end of friends of the Gospel? Is the good end for the friends of the Gospel because they de-serve it? (v. 28)
- 4) What is a gracious gift that God gives believers? How is suffering a gift? Why do we not think of suffering as a gracious gift? (v. 29) What did you think of the video of Dr. Helen Roseveare?
- 5) How are you involved in the same agony as the Apostle Paul? What might it mean if we do not feel “engaged in the same agony” as Paul? How can this entire passage take the sting out of frustrations that we might experience economically, politically, and related to COVID? When we get lathered up over those matters, how does it diminish living in a manner worthy of the Gospel? (v. 30)