



“Bitter or Better”  
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Joy Stealer: \_\_\_\_\_

*“And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.”*  
Phil. 1:12 NLT

Everything that happens to me \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.”*  
Phil. 1:13 NLT

I am not a victim, but a \_\_\_\_\_ of my circumstances.

*“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.”*  
Genesis 50:20 NLT

*“And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God’s message without fear.”*  
Phil. 1:14 NLT

How I respond to tough circumstances is an \_\_\_\_\_ for others to follow.

*Joy is not the self-satisfied delight that everything is going my way, but the settled peace that arises from making the Gospel the focus of my life.*