



**The “No Matter What” Gospel
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Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. For it has been granted to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have. Philippians 1:27-30 (CSB)

The “no matter what’s”:

- 1. No matter what, consider Gospel citizenship as infinitely greater than worldly citizenship**

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- 2. No matter what, consider unity in the Spirit as greater than individual effort**

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- 3. a) “No matter what, don’t be frightened by opposition.”
b) “accept suffering as a sign of your authentic partnership in the Gospel”**