

## DAY 2 WHATEVER!

*Whatever happens, live your life  
in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,  
so that . . . I will know  
that you are standing firm . . .  
with one mind for the faith of the gospel.\**

—Philippians 1:26, 27

“Whatever!” One of those words that some people use that drives some other people crazy! Sometimes “whatever” is just a filler, like “Duh.” It doesn’t really mean anything.

Sometimes “whatever” means indifference. “Do you want a sausage or pepperoni pizza?” Answer: “Whatever.” Translation: “Either one is all right with me. I don’t really care.”

Sometimes we mean the word sarcastically. Mother says to daughter, “Please turn the music down.” Daughter says, “Whatever!” Father says to son, “Pull up your pants.” Son: “Whatever!”

When Apostle Paul says to the Christians in Philippi, “Whatever happens . . .” this whatever is different. It comes from faith in God, not from indifference. It does not say “who cares,” but “I care!”

The Apostle Paul knows that faith is a “now and not yet” matter. We count on faith in Christ to see us through today and we prepare to mature in our faith in Christ for the “not yet” moment.

How then can we have a forever life in a whatever world? We remember that this life is not all there is. We know where we came from. We know where we are headed. We know to whom we belong. As the old gospel hymn states, “We know who holds tomorrow, and we know who holds our hand.”

\* Author’s translation

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### Going Deeper

**Faith is an element of living today, but it is an element that we can expect to be deeper in us tomorrow. Picture what God could do with your life if you were ready with a deeper faith.**

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*Almighty God, strengthen my faith to endure whatever comes. Strengthen my faith to persevere until you return. Strengthen my faith for service to which you call me. In the name of Christ. Amen.*