



**Philippians –  
Above the Circumstances!**

**Phil 1:27-30**

***The Proof Is In The Pudding***

***Who we are under pressure  
is who we really are.***

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## **Exhortation to Spiritual Friends**

**The reality of our faith is seen in:**

- Perseverance in trials (1:27-30)**
- Humble, Christ-like attitude to others (2:1 ff)**

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- ❖ **Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel**
- ❖ ***Noblesse Oblige***
  - *with privilege goes great responsibility*
  - *rank has its privileges,  
rank has it's responsibilities*
  - *to whom much is given, much is expected*  
(whether anyone is watching or not)
- ❖ **Both an obligation and a deep desire of the regenerated heart!**

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### **Real Christian Conduct**

- ❖ **Standing firm in one spirit** (vs. 27)
- ❖ **Striving together** (vs. 27)
- ❖ **Not being frightened at all** (vs. 28)
- ❖ **Being in the midst of great struggle** (vs. 29,30)  
(see I Tim 6:12; II Tim 4:7)

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❖ **A ‘Band of Brothers’**

❖ **Our ‘journey’ is that of an advancing army engaged in mortal combat**

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, 506<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Easy-company – advancing from Normandy to the Ardennes and on to the heart of the enemy

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**Who You Are Under Pressure Is Who You Are**

- ❖ Sign: an outward demonstration of an inner reality  
(see II Cor 8:24)
- ❖ The reality – salvation ... from God
- ❖ The demonstration – living in a manner worthy of the Gospel

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*Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.*

*You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.*

*So don't try to get out of anything prematurely.*

*Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.*

*(James 1:2-4 The Message)*

