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Passage: Philippians 1:18b-26 Sunday: September 21, 2025

Philippians 1:18b-26 (ESV)

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

1.	For each week of this series, we will start with the same question: where did you experience
	joy in your walk with Jesus this week?

2. In this passage, Paul struggles with whether it would be better to die in custody or to be released and live. In either outcome, death or life, what are the advantages to Paul?

3. How would Paul's comments in this passage help the Philippian Church deal with their worries about Paul?





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4.	What does Paul mean when he says in verse 21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."?
5.	How does Paul's perspective of life and death differ from the perspective of our culture?
6.	It seems Paul is confident that God has more work for him to do (verse 25). How can his attitude here serve as a model for us in times of waiting?
7.	Paul's ultimate goal is that Christ will be honored, whether by his life or by his death. How does your own life reflect the honor of Jesus? Are you living in a way that points others to Him?



