

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

Philippians 1:18b-26 (ESV)

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so 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?

