

## Philippians 1:18-26

<sup>18</sup> Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

## Always Delivered

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Paul shares his conviction, that as a follower of Jesus, he will be delivered by God, no matter what the future holds. His deep hope is that no matter how God chooses to deliver him, he will respond courageously so that the gospel might be advanced.

### 1. God will deliver Paul from prison to continue to advance the gospel.

- Paul is not alone, he has help.
- Paul has concerns.
- Paul's hope.
- Paul's expectation

### 2. God will deliver Paul into His immediate presence, Heaven.

- Paul is not alone, he has help.
- Paul has concerns.
- Paul's hope.
- Paul's preference

## Notes:



## Life Group Discussion Questions:

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#### What does it mean?

1. Why might Paul mention the prayers of the Philippians alongside the help of the Spirit?
2. What does Paul mean that he will 'not be at all ashamed' in v.20?
3. In v.22 and 24, what benefits does Paul list if he is to be released from prison?
4. How is Paul ok with 'deliverance' that means death? What is the benefit he is expecting?
5. With either form of 'deliverance' what is Paul's confidence in v. 20? Describe how Christ is honored in both scenarios.
6. How would you state Paul's big idea in Philippians 1:18-26?

#### How does it apply?

1. Does Paul's ability to find joy in the midst of difficult circumstances encourage us, or discourage us? Why?
2. Who have you known who clearly lived out this phrase "for to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"? Do we believe it, and do we live it out?
3. What fruitful labor do you look forward to if God leaves you here 1 more year? 5 more years? 10 years? 20 years?
4. Am I experiencing progress and joy in the faith? How do I continue and/or experience more?