



# I'M IN A WIN, WIN SITUATION

Philippians 1:18-26

## **Main Idea:**

We can rejoice always in Christ knowing that in Him we are always in a win, win situation.

**WE WIN THROUGH THE  
POWER OF PRAYER**

*“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,”*

*Philippians 1:18-19*

*“All things are possible for one who believes.”<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”*

**Mark 9:23b-24**

“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance. It’s laying hold of God’s willingness.”

**WE WIN THROUGH THE  
PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE**

*“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”*

*Philippians 1:20-23*



“Some interpret [what Paul meant by deliverance] to mean that Paul was hopeful of being released from prison. But Philippians 1:20 precludes this view, because Paul acknowledges that he may well be executed. Paul’s words in Philippians 1:19 are verbatim from the Greek Old Testament of Job 13:16. In that context, Job was on trial by his “friends,” and he wanted to be “saved” from being found to be a hypocrite, that is, he wanted to be vindicated.

In the same way, Paul is saying that as the Philippians prayed for him and as God's Spirit enabled him, he would be delivered from denying Christ and disgracing the gospel at his trial before Caesar. Thus he would be vindicated in the ultimate court, before God, by exalting Christ, even through martyrdom if need be. The only cause for shame to Paul would be not to hear "well done [good and faithful servant]"

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“Don’t think your prayers don’t matter! God uses means, and one of the means for sustaining His servants is the prayers of His people. Don’t presume on a strong degree of the Spirit’s [manifest] presence either. Such power comes through prayer. The omnipresence of God isn’t synonymous with the effects and influences of the Spirit. While we can’t presume on these influences even when we pray, we know that prayer is the normal means that God uses to provide abundant help to the believer”

Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary

**WE WIN THROUGH THE  
PROGRESS OF HIS PEOPLE**

*“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”*

*Philippians 1:24-26*

**Jesus first**

**Jesus first**  
**Others second**

**Jesus first**

**Others second**

**Yourself last**



