

A Journey Through the Book of Philippians

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A Life Worth Living (and a Death Worth Dying)

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Our Troubles Won't Be Wasted

^{I2} I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ^{I3} so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

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^{I4} And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

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¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me.

The more intense the pain, the closer His embrace. The greatest good suffering can do for me is to increase my capacity for God.

*Real satisfaction comes not in understanding
God's motives, but in understanding His
character, in trusting in His promises, and in
leaning on Him and resting in Him as the
Sovereign who knows what He is doing
and does all things well.*

Joni Eareckson Tada

Our Hope Is Certain

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.

An Invincible Definition of Life

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.

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²¹ For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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²² Now if I live on in the flesh, this means fruitful work for me; and I don't know which one I should choose.

²⁵ Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

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²¹ For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

²³ I am torn between the two. I long to depart and be with Christ—which is far better—

*“Change the question.
The question is not,
‘Is it worth it?’
It’s ‘Is He worthy?’”*

Helen Rosevare