Finding Joy: Live for the exaltation of Christ Philippians 1:18b-26

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Yes, and I will rejoice,
       <sup>19</sup> for I know that this will turn out
                                      for my deliverance
                                      through your prayers
                                               and
                                               the provision
                                                       of the Spirit
                                                                of Jesus Christ,
                <sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation
                                     and
                                     hope,
                                             that I will not be put to shame
                                                                          in anything,
                                             but
                                             that.
                                                                    with all boldness,
                                                  Christ will
                                                                    even now,
                                                                    as always,
                                                             be exalted
                                                                    in my body,
                                                                    whether by life
                                                                              or
                                                                              by death.
<sup>21</sup> For
     to me,
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to live is Christ

to die is gain.

if I am to live on

this will mean fruitful labor for me;

in the flesh,

and I do not know which to choose.

and

22 But

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<sup>23</sup> But
I am hard-pressed
        from both directions,
        having the desire to depart
                              and
                              be with Christ,
                                      for that is very much better;
       24 yet to remain on
                in the flesh
                              is more necessary
                                           for your sake.
    <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 your proud confidence
                                                                  in me
                                                         may abound in Christ Jesus
                                                                  through my coming
                                                                                  to you
                                                                                  again.
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