

MAGNIFYING CHRIST IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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PHILIPPIANS 1:18-26 NKJV

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. ¹⁹ For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

PHILIPPIANS 1:18-26 NKJV

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

PHILIPPIANS 1:18-26 NKJV

²⁵ And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶ that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:20 NKJV

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GOAL

Our passion and aim is that Christ is magnified even when times are difficult.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21 NKJV

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THOUGHT

**Jesus is not something we add to our lives.
He is life.**

PSALMS 27:13-14 NKJV

**I would have lost heart, unless I had believed
That I would see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.**

PSALMS 27:13-14 NKJV

**14 Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!**

Yakhal (Hebrew): to wait, to hope, to expect, to tarry.

Qavah (Hebrew): The feeling of tension and expectation while you wait for something to happen.

PSALM 130:1-8 NKJV

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;

² Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

³ If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

PSALM 130:1-8 NKJV

**5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
And in His word I do hope.**

**6 My soul waits for the Lord
More than those who watch for the morning—
Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.**

PSALM 130:1-8 NKJV

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
And with Him is abundant redemption.
8 And He shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

Yakhal- hope

Qavah- wait

QUESTION

**What do you place your hope
in during difficult times?**

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8 NKJV

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 NKJV

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8 NKJV

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QUOTE

**Don't shine so others can see you.
Shine so that through you, others can see Him.**

- CS Lewis