

## For ME Living IS . . . ~ Philippians 1:20-26

→ Scripture Reading Phil. 1:18-21

### INTRODUCTION

Living is about **SERVING Christ** - Dying is about **BEING with Christ**. CCE

<sup>18</sup> ...I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my DELIVERANCE.

### No SHAME Here ~ Philippians 1:20-21

<sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

### IMPLICATION

<sup>20</sup> For I fully expect and hope that I will NEVER be ashamed, but that I will continue to be BOLD for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that MY LIFE will bring honor to Christ, whether I LIVE or DIE. (NLT)

**COURAGE**- the internal strength to **LIVE** for Christ or **DIE** for Christ, whichever was required. HNTC

**Romans 1:16** (NIV) I am not ashamed of the gospel, because IT is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...

→ **Ship** A ship in the harbor is SAFE - but that is NOT what ships were made for

→ **TRUTH in the Context of Relationship**

### IMPLICATION

<sup>21</sup> **FOR ME**, living **IS** Christ and dying **IS** gain. (HCS)

**FOR ME...** I will \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**That Jesus is my Everything - and Death is no Enemy.** CCE

<sup>21</sup> For to me, living means Living FOR Christ, and Dying is even BETTER. (NLT)

## Progress and Joy in the FAITH ~ Philippians 1:22-26

<sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!  
<sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;  
<sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

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## TAKE AWAY ??

<sup>21</sup> **For to me**, living means **Living FOR Christ**, and **Dying** is even **BETTER**. (NLT)

**Romans 8:31-32** (NIV) <sup>31</sup> ...If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but **gave Him up for us all** - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

**Romans 8:35-39** (NIV) <sup>35</sup> **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

<sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation**, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.