

Complete Joy

Week 4 – Living when Dying Is Gain

Transition: In last week's text, Paul shared how his imprisonment advanced the gospel among unbelievers. While Paul was on house arrest, he had a captive audience with the imperial guard as they took shifts guarding him. His imprisonment also emboldened other believers to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Paul is confident that he will be liberated soon from his imprisonment. However, his primary desire is to die and be with Christ. Even though this desire was great, he felt a sense of obligation to remain on earth and continue investing in the spiritual growth of the Philippians.

Opening Questions:

- Describe a time when you felt torn between two good things?
- Who is someone in your life right now that motivates you to grow in the faith?

Scripture/Storying: Philippians 1:19-26

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- Why do you think Paul could make the statement, "to live is Christ and to die is gain"? What would be different about your life if you lived that out?
- Why do you think Paul was confident concerning his deliverance? What does it take to muster up that kind of confidence in God during your personal hardships?
- Paul desired to exalt Christ in his body whether by life or death. Why is making this a priority challenging to you personally? How can you practically exalt Christ more through your daily routine?
- What kind of impact do you want to have on others spiritually? Why is it important to think about the impact you leave behind? How can intentional discipleship aid you in impacting others?
- What would sacrifice for other's progress and joy in the faith look like in your life? How will you purposely invest in others to help them grow?

Prayer time: - Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN)

- Pray for the Lord's direction as new volunteers are onboarded and that they would be paired with internationals according to His Will.