



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR THE GOSPEL
VIEWING “LIFE OR DEATH” AS A “WIN-WIN”
PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - September 17 and 18, 2022

1. Make _____
(vv. 18b-20)

Philippians 1:18b–26 (ESV)
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. 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.

2. Value _____
(vv. 21-23)

3. Love _____
(vv. 24-26)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Philippians 1:19-20.** As you consider the trials or persecution you may face, what are the biggest ways you may be tempted to not honor Christ? How does the “help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ” increase your confidence and courage as you think about these temptations?

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:11 & Romans 15:30.** How have you seen the prayers of others help you? While we have talked a lot in Philippians about you praying for others, how can you seek/invite the prayers of others into your trials? What are some of the things that might keep you from doing this?

3. **Read Matthew 13:44-46.** Why are Christ and His kingdom so valuable? How should these realities affect your life?

4. **Read Philippians 1:21.** What might keep you from viewing death as gain? How should the Bible’s teaching about death change your view of it? (see also Hebrews 2:15)

5. **Read Philippians 1:25.** What are things other people have done that increased your faith and joy? How can you do that for others this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Piper, John. *Desiring God*. Multnomah, 2011.
 Torrey, R.A. *The Power of Prayer*. Zondervan, 1971.
 Welch, Edward T. *Caring for One Another*. Crossway, 2018.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that Christ would be honored in our church.
 Pray that we would value Christ above life itself.
 Pray for persecuted Christians in actual life or death situations.
 Pray for God to provide facilities where our midweek ministries can continue to grow.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
9/19	2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12	Acts 26
9/20	Micah 1-4	Acts 27
9/21	Micah 5-7	Acts 28
9/22	2 Kings 16-17, 2 Chronicles 28	Colossians 1:1-14
9/23	Isaiah 13-16	Colossians 1:15-29
9/24	Isaiah 17-20	Colossians 2