

“Joy in Life or Death Situations” Philippians 1:18b-26

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

1. We cannot predict what our future holds but we can make choices on how we react to them. Paul chose joy, confident, courage and life in whatever circumstance that may come to him. How do you choose to react to difficult situations and people? Do you let these things steal your joy?
2. Where does your confidence for the future comes from? Do you have the same confidence in death as you have in life?
3. Paul's hope is that he will always have sufficient courage to live a life that magnify Jesus to others. How can you magnify Jesus through the way you live your life, and why would that take courage on your part?
4. Paul chose to live is life for Christ and to be with Christ when he dies. For him, to live is Christ and to die is gain. What do you live for, and what would you gain if you die?