

Week 2: The Ultimate Win-Win

In Philippians 1:12–21, Paul shows us that lasting joy isn't found in favorable circumstances, personal success, or the approval of others. It's found in Jesus. Even from prison, Paul could declare, "To live is Christ and to die is gain." When Christ is our life, our circumstances cannot steal our purpose, suffering cannot destroy our hope, and even death cannot rob us of our joy. Because of Jesus, we can face life's greatest challenges with confidence and certainty.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Philippians 1:12-21.** Shawn started the message with a question: *What makes my life worth living*? If you were completely honest, how would you have answered this question a decade ago? Has the answer changed? How so?

2. Paul saw his imprisonment as an opportunity to advance the gospel rather than an obstacle to his mission. What difficult circumstance in your life might God be able to use for His purposes? How would your perspective change if you began looking for opportunities to make Jesus known right where you are?

3. “Joy only works when it's attached to something you cannot lose.” What are some good things in your life that you've allowed to become foundations for your joy? How can you enjoy God's blessings without depending on them for your ultimate happiness and security?

4. Paul declared, “To live is Christ and to die is gain.” Do you tend to view death primarily as loss, disruption, fear, or gain? What does your answer reveal about how you're living today? How should the certainty of the resurrection change the way you approach life, take risks for the gospel, and face the future?