

A Life to Die For

Part 5: Satisfaction

Philippians 1:18b-26

Launch

Fill in the blank: Now that football season is over, my weekends are _____.

Explore

Read the passage

Paul is confident he will be delivered from prison. He implies there are two ways this might happen. What are they? (Hint: Besides escaping, there are only two ways people get out of prison.)

What does Paul mean by, “to live is Christ, to die is gain”? Why is it hard for him to determine which option was better?

What does Paul’s prediction (that he “will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith”) reveal about his character & priorities?

Apply

Paul was obviously others-centered. Why is this so hard for most of us?

What about your walk with Jesus convinces you that to die and be with him is gain? How has Christ given you a glimpse of “fruitful labor” in this life?

Paul was confident that he would bring honor to Christ, whether by living or dying. How is your life making Jesus look good? Do you know anyone who honored Christ with the way they died? What is one thing action step you can take to bring more honor to Jesus?

Pray

Pray that, because of Jesus, we would experience supernatural satisfaction.