

# PART ONE

Philippians 1:21-26 // August 28



## Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



## Reflect/Connect

- Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

## Grow in the Word

- These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

## REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- If you had to write a mission statement for your life, what would it say?

## GROW IN THE WORD

In one of the most memorable verses in all Scripture, Paul declared that his utmost priority in life was Jesus (v. 21).

- How would you put into your own words what Paul meant in verse 21? See also verses 22-25.
- What would most people say they live for? In other words, for most people, to live is \_\_\_\_\_?
- In a moment of honesty, what are you tempted to live for?

Paul explained his preference: whether he'd prefer to live and continue laboring for Christ, or to be put to death and be in the presence of Jesus (v. 22-24).

- What was Paul's view of life after death? See 2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Luke 23:39-43.
- How did this perspective impact the way Paul chose to live?
- In what ways does Paul's view of life and death encourage or challenge you to live for Christ?



# SERIES RESOURCES

## OVERVIEW: PHILIPPIANS

An animated video by the Bible Project provides a thorough overview of the book of Philippians. The video offers a great summary of the book while emphasizing that every Christian's story can be an expression of Jesus' ultimate story.

- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians/>

## INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

A fundamental introduction to the book of Philippians from the ESV Study Bible. Get a quick synopsis of the book's background to help you gain a better understanding of the book of Philippians as a whole.

- <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-philippians/>

## PHILIPPIANS: A COMMENTARY BY THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free, downloadable commentary of the entire book of Philippians. This commentary offers background material and a section-by-section commentary of the entire book.

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/philippians/>

## BE JOYFUL: EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, YOU CAN HAVE JOY BY WARREN WIERSBE

A timeless resource by one of this generation's most trusted teachers, Be Joyful gives readers invaluable insights into the history, meaning, and context of Philippians. This new version includes study questions at the end of each chapter to aid readers in reflection and application.

- [https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19](https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19)

## LIFE LESSONS FROM PHILIPPIANS: GUIDE TO JOY BY MAX LUCADO

A guide through the book of Philippians by pastor and author Max Lucado that offers its readers thoughtful questions, encouraging stories, and reflections to dig deeper into God's Word. Lucado unpacks Paul's letter to the young church emphasizing Paul's focus on living a life full of joy, peace, and contentment even in the midst of trouble.

- [https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18](https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18)