

**PRESS ON
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

LESSON 4 PHILIPPIANS 1:18c-30

1. What bit of Scripture or insight from the lesson or lecture on **Philippians 1:12-18b** impacted your life this week, and how?

2. Pray and ask God to give you an eager expectation as you learn about living in a way that honors Jesus; then read **Philippians 1:18c-30**. Jot down one or two thoughts that challenge or encourage you.

3. Paul had been comforting the concerned Philippians and now turned his focus to the future.
 - a) From **Philippians 1:19**, what “deliverance” do you think Paul was talking about?

 - b) Comment on the two things Paul said would sustain him as he endured this hard time.

4. a) In **V20**, Paul shared how he was processing his situation in a Roman prison. Of what was he totally confident?

- b) Do you have this confidence – that what God allows in your life is the very best thing for you? Why or why not?

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5. Be honest...how would you complete the sentence in **V21**...“For me, to live is _____.” (e.g., “I’ll only truly live if and when such and such happens.”)
6. In light of **V21**, Paul shared his dilemma in **V22-24**.
- What strikes you about Paul’s outlook on the purpose of his life?
 - Paul viewed death as “far better.” How could he have that outlook? (Feel free to use other Scripture to reinforce your answer)
 - How does your view of a purposeful life and/or death compare to Paul’s?
7. From **Philippians 1:25-26**, what are the two reasons Paul gave for wanting to remain with them, and how does either of these motivate you as you serve in your church, home, or workplace?
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8. In **V27-30**, Paul called the Philippians to be courageous as they stood together against opposition.
- What do you think he meant by “conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel” in **V27**?
 - Paul said, “stand firm in the one Spirit.” How does that encourage you to strive for unity in your church?

9. a) What do **V28-29** say about suffering opposition? Do you think our Christian culture embraces this basic fact about following Jesus? Explain.
- b) Where have you experienced opposition when you've lived out or spoken the Gospel?
10. Read **V30**. Who displays joy and a Christ centered life as they have gone through or are going through a difficult struggle? What is one way you could follow their example?
11. Paul had an unwavering mind set when it came to advancing the gospel. How could this perspective help you to *press on in confidence*?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Paul could face death with confident hope, knowing he'd have more of what he loved most on earth, our Lord Jesus. What do you learn about death for a believer from:
- **Psalm 116:15**
 - **Psalm 139:16**
 - **1 Corinthians 15:42-44a**
 - **Revelation 21:4**
2. What is your favorite truth that you will take away from any of these verses about death and why?
3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Philippians 1:21**
- b) In light of this Lesson, pray for someone who is facing death.

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PRAYER REQUEST