Philippians 1:18b-26

What was the basis for Paul’s joy? Paul had discovered...

1. The security of sovereignty (v. 18b-20)

1) Paul believed God would deliver him from his trial (v. 18-19)

“deliver” = soterian (salvation)
Prayers - Holy Spirit - Word of God

2) Paul believed Christ would be honored through him (v. 20)

“eager expectation” (Greek = to stretch the neck forward)
“hope” (Greek = confidence)
Romans 8:28

2. The secret of success (v. 21-24)

“For to me to live is Christ” (Greek = to live Christ)

2 Corinthians 5:17
Galatians 2:20

“I have but one enthusiasm; it is he, only he.”
– Count Nikolaus Zinzendorf (18th c. German father of modern day missions)

2 Corinthians 5:20
Matthew 6:33

“and to die is gain.” (Greek = to die gain)

Luke 23:43
Hebrews 12:22-23
Revelation 1:12-16; 5:13

3. The satisfaction of selflessness (v. 25-26)

- Am I willing to sacrifice my wants and desires for the people in my life?
- Have I embraced selfless sacrifice as the greatest satisfaction I could possess?
- How is God calling me to selflessly serve my spouse? Children? Church?

Are you ready to die?

To Live is ______.