

Philippians 1:21-26
Finding Joy in Trusting God

Big Question: How can understanding God's will bring joy?

Gospel Song: I'm a *Winner Either Way* by The Inspirations
I'm A Winner Either Way, If I Go or If I Stay
For I'll Still Have My Jesus Each Passing Day
I'll Have My Healing Here Below, Or Life Forever If I Go
Oh Praise The Lord, I'm A Winner Either Way.

For the Believer there is joy in life and there is joy in death. Understanding what God's will is for our lives helps us find joy in living. Understanding what comes at the end of a believer's life helps us to look forward to joy in death.

1. Paul's inner _____ (21-24)

- **Life is Christ**

Paul sees that Christ is using his life

- **Death is gain**

For the believer death is always gain because it means more of Christ

2. Paul's understanding of _____ will (24-25)

- Paul understands that God seems to be doing something through his life (24-25a)
- Paul understands that God prioritizes the spiritual over the personal (25)
- His understanding of Who God is and what he is doing, Paul prioritizes the same (24-26)

Concluding Question: Are we living for Christ?