



### A Perspective on Life

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Philippians 1:12-30, p.818

Life is full of obstacles that challenge our faith in Christ. We need to recognize what happens in the midst of this opposition and embrace two simple convictions.

1. The gospel advances in the face of **opposition** (1:12-14).
2. The gospel advances in the face of **rivalry** (1:15-18).
3. The gospel advances in the face of **life and death** (1:19-30).
4. The challenge: Live life based upon two simple convictions:
  - a. BE CONVINCED → **To live is Christ**
  - b. BE CONVINCED → **to die is gain**

### THE ONE THING:

**To live is Christ**

### NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Philippians 1:21
- Honestly for me: "to live is \_\_\_\_\_."
- Read Acts 16:11-40.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

#### KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Share about a time when you were away and wrote or called home to share how things were going with the people back home.

#### LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 Read Philippians 1:12-30. What are the most important things Paul wants us to know? Which one is the Holy Spirit pointing out to you?

- 3 Reread Philippians 1:20-21. How does that work out in your life? (If you think it only applies to Paul, read Philippians 4:9.) Can you say with Paul "to live is Christ"? What does that really mean?

#### TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Read Philippians 1:27 and Romans 12:1-2. Are you willing to dedicate (or rededicate) your body as a living sacrifice for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? How will your conduct be the same or different this week as a result of your decision? How will you be transformed by the renewing of your mind?

### WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Mighty to Save](#)

[Praise the King](#)

[King of Kings](#)

[I Love You Lord](#)

[Great Reward](#)