

# CONFIDENCE IN THE CHAOS



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**Philippians 1:12** Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

**Philippians 1:18-26** But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

### The One Thing:

In Essence, Joy Comes Not from My \_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances,  
but from My \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

1. Learn to Define My \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 1:20-22** I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

2. Learn to Define \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 1:23-25** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, . . .

3. Learn to Define My Present Circumstances By What Jesus is  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Do Rather Than \_\_\_\_\_  
About What Jesus Did \_\_\_\_\_ Do.

**Philippians 1:25-26** Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

4. Learn to Define My Suffering By the \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ Others.

**Philippians 1:27-30** Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.