

Joy in the Worst of Times

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Prayer Concerns:

Four unmistakable qualities of authentic Christian faith:

1. Adversity _____ [12-14]

2. Rivalry _____ [15-18a]

3. Testing _____ [18b-20]

4. Death _____ [21-26]

“For me, living is _____.”

“Dying is _____.”

Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. When you have had a bad day, what do you do?

Digging deeper:

Read Philippians 1:12-26.

1. When have you been faced with seemingly insurmountable problems, and seen God work good out of them? How did the experience(s) affect your faith?
2. How could Paul rejoice even though he was in prison? How should his example impact us today?
3. Considering the very real threat of prison, why then did Paul's imprisonment have such a positive effect on the Christians in Rome?

4. Reread verse 19. What does this passage teach us about the importance of intercessory prayer?
5. For what purpose did Paul say he would remain on the earth? How can we live for the spiritual benefit of others?
6. "For me, living is _____. Dying is _____." How did you fill in the blanks?

Taking it Home:

1. Paul was passionate about advancing the gospel of Christ. What would those who know you best say is your driving desire in life?