

21 January 2024 MACC Digging Deeper
Philippians 1:18b-26
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Day 1

Pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for His help. As you dig deeper into His word this week, consider using a journal to write down the ideas and questions He has for you as you study. Read Philippians 1:18b-26. As we pick up the second half of verse 18, Paul asks a question. Do you think it matters if preaching is done with selfish ambition and false motives if the content of the Gospel is presented accurately? What are the pros and cons of having the Gospel preached from humility and love, vs arrogance and envy? How can you tell the difference?

Day2

Pray to God about what he wants you to learn as you study in His word digging deeper into the verses from Sunday's message. Again, read Philippians 1:18b-26. When we are rejoicing we pray. When we pray for others, for Jesus to heal or help someone, who is it that shows up for Jesus to help? See verse 19 for how this plays out for Paul and what we learn from him.

Day3

Pray to God as you learn from His word today. Is there someone you need to reconnect with whom you haven't spoken to in a long time? Send them a text, give them a call, and ask them how they are doing and what you can do for them. Read Philippians 1:18b-26. If we are fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, are we worried at all about what people of the world think? There is going to be affliction, temptation, contempt, and suffering that comes at us from the world, it is how the world works. What can we learn from Paul in verse 20 on this topic?

Day 4

Find a quiet place to settle your body, mind, and spirit. Pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. Write everything down in your journal for reflection and study. Read Philippians 1:18b-26. In verses 21, 22, and 23 Paul is comparing living vs. dying. Death is a great loss if you are a worldly person; loss of possessions, position, and prestige. Why is death not a loss to a Jesus follower? How do you feel about that personally?

Day 5

Pray for others in your life. Ask God how is He nudging you to come alongside them with kindness, compassion, and joy. Read Philippians 1:18b-26. In this question about death vs. life, was Paul picking between two bad things or two good things? What was good about dying? What was good about living? Which did Paul think would be best overall? How does this part of Paul's letter about his choice to live to share Jesus' gospel message, affect your thinking about your life and how you are living it?