



Best Summer Ever

Living Life
to the Fullest

WEEK 2: WHAT HAPPENED TO ME

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PHILIPPIANS 1:12-21, 25-26 (NIV)

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 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, 19 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. 20 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. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

25 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, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

A decorative footer strip with a light beige background. On the left, there are three overlapping Polaroid-style photos: the top one shows hands holding a glass, the middle one shows a group of people, and the bottom one shows a person in a white robe. On the right, there is a palm tree branch. A horizontal bar with a rainbow gradient runs across the top of the footer.

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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Who in your life is suffering and you know needs to be encouraged right now? How are you right now? Are things good or bad? Somewhere in between?

Read Philippians 1:12-30. What has happened to Paul in verse 12, and how has it “served to advance the gospel”? What hard things in your story can God use to point others to your hope in Jesus?

What does Paul mean, “To live is Christ?” What does “to die is gain” mean? In what way is Paul’s situation a win/win situation? How can you “live Jesus” this week?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Philippians 1:21 (NLT) - For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.

TAKE A STEP:

Paul is convinced that he is still alive to tell people about Jesus. Who in your life needs to know that Jesus loves them? What’s one step you can take to show / tell them that?

A decorative footer featuring a light beige background with a horizontal rainbow-colored bar. On the left, there are several overlapping Polaroid-style photos showing people in various settings. On the right, there is a palm tree branch. The text is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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ALL IN, TOGETHER

GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget:	\$10,187
Given June 4th:	\$12,374
Difference:	\$2,187

2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$224,114
2023 Given YTD:	\$204,816
Difference:	\$19,298

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC June 4th:	\$2,353
BYC YTD:	\$52,953
BYC Total Given:	\$375,445

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