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Unafraid and Unashamed
Philippians 1:19-26
Series: The Joy Factor

Central Passage

Philippians 1:18–21 (ESV) — 18 ... Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Central Thought: As followers of Christ, we can rejoice in the fact that we have been freed from the fear of death, and freed to give ourselves away courageously and compassionately for the cause of Christ.

Courage for the Conflict

- ❖ Don't give death more than its due!

Philippians 1:21 (ESV) — 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV) — 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. (See also Luke 23:39-43; 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Quote: "A man [woman] hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he [she] isn't fit to live." Martin Luther King Jr.

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- ❖ Pray for one another!

Philippians 1:18–19 (ESV) — 18 ... Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance...

Ephesians 6:18–20 (ESV) — 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

- ❖ Seek the Spirit!

Philippians 1:18–19 (ESV) — 18 ... Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance...

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV) — 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...

- ❖ Work together!

Philippians 1:23–26 (ESV) — 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Homework

- ❖ Prayerfully read through Paul's letter to the Philippians.
- ❖ Look for ways to build up your brothers and sisters in Christ.