

**Together for the Gospel**  
**2. Gospel Confidence (Phil. 1:12-26)**

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## Introduction

- *What does your life revolve around?*

### 1. A model of gospel confidence (v12-26)

- Confidence in the face of suffering (v12-14)
- Confidence in the face of rivalry (v15-18)
- Confidence in life or death (v19-26)

### 2. The reasons for gospel confidence (v19-20)

- God delivers
- God sustains

## Conclusion

### Philippians 1:12-26(NIV)

**12** 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. **22** 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!

**23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; **24** but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. **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.