Philippians: Joy in the Journey

Not About Me, All About Christ Philippians 1:15-26, p. 951

I. NOT ABOUT MY FAME BUT ABOUT THE SPREAD OF CHRIST'S NAME (PHILIPPIANS 1:15-18A).

- A. Paul recognized people preached with different motives.
- B. Paul recognized some people like him while others criticized him.
- C. Paul was less concerned about their intentions as long as Christ is being preached.

II. NOT ABOUT MY CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT ALL FOR GOD'S GLORY (PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-20).

- A. Paul was joyfully confident that everything that has happened has a purpose and will result in his deliverance.
- B. Paul was confident that this deliverance will result in Christ being exalted, whether by life or death.

III. A LIFE FOR CHRIST IS A WIN-WIN, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS (PHILIPPIANS 1:21-26).

- A. When our goal in life is to magnify the name of Jesus, everything in life is an opportunity for God's glory.
- B. When our goal in life is to magnify the name of Jesus, death becomes the bigger win because we get to see Jesus face to face.
- C. Paul surrendered his desires to God so that Christ will be magnified all the more.
- D. True joy comes in surrender and trust. We cannot experience true joy in life and hold on to control.