

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 2

DAY 7

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from day 6 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 1:23-26 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- How convinced are you that if you *departed from this world*, you'd be with Christ? (v.23)
- How has the Lord used you even during difficult times in your life to bless others? (vv.24)
- Name someone and then pray for wisdom on how you could encourage that person's spiritual growth. (v.25)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some extra questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

DIGGING DEEPER (Optional)

- (v. 23) Write down how you would help someone know for certain that when they die they will be with Jesus Christ.
- Describe Christ's purpose for you at this time in your life in a couple of sentences. (v. 24)
- In verse 25, Paul said he became *convinced* that he needed to remain on earth. How do you believe he was able to come to that strong of a decision?
- What role can you play in encouraging and motivating joy and faith in those who are in your circles of influence?
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?

