

What Shall I Choose?

[now as always]
Philippians 1.20-26

No matter what happens

[tension]

Christos/kerdos
1.21

“but if to live in the flesh, this to
me fruit of work, and what I shall
choose I do not know”
1.22

2 Corinthians 1.8

Sunecho

Analno

Meno

Maturity –

Philippians 1.7

Philippians 1.19

Megalyno

Going Deeper—Living it Out

When Paul says “to live is Christ,” what do you think he means?

What about when he says, “to die is gain?”

Have you ever experienced a situation where you were completely torn between doing what you know you should do and not knowing if that’s what you really want to do? Tell us about it.

According to 2 Corinthians 1.8, what was Paul’s experience of life? How does this figure into what he is talking about in Philippians 1?

What are Paul’s thoughts and feelings? How do those thoughts and feelings relate to his convictions?

Have you ever felt like just packing it in and quitting? What was that all about?

What keeps you from packing it in?

[putting it together]

Deepest understanding

Is God

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Deepest desire

Doubt it

[big questions]

How is your perspective of God shaping your decision-making?

Are your deepest desires to get for yourself or to give of yourself?

How are doubts affecting your journey?

What will it take for Christ to become “bigger” in your life?

Going Deeper—Living it Out

How could God use you and your circumstances to make Himself bigger in your life?

What do you understand about God that could keep you moving forward in maturity?

How do your desires shape your convictions?

What role do doubts play in our experience of difficult circumstances? What should we do with the doubts?

How does God need to become bigger in your life?

MEMORIZE THIS!

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

-Philippians 1.21 (NIV)