

“The future ain’t what it used to be.”
—Yogi Berra

“The Resolution”

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

THE GOVERNING PRINCIPLE:
“for to me to live is Christ”

My circumstance will not
overrule God’s providence

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has
happened to me has really served to advance the
gospel, ¹³ so that it has

become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.
—Philippians 1:12-13 ESV

²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one - I am talking like a madman - with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was

adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at

sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is

the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? —2 Corinthians 11:23-29 ESV

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. —Romans 8:28 ESV

Though he slay me, I will hope in him;
yet I will argue my ways to his face.
This will be my salvation. —Job 13:15-16a ESV

God's purposes will be realized
through your prayers

I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf. —Romans 15:30 ESV

Revelation 5:8
“prayers of the saints”

My efforts will be enabled
by God's Spirit

My struggles will not lead to shame

THE GLORIOUS PROMISE

“to die is gain”

“For me, living is _____?”

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and

whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.

If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.
—John 12:24-26 ESV

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