

## Philippians 1:12–26

New International Version (NIV)

### Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel

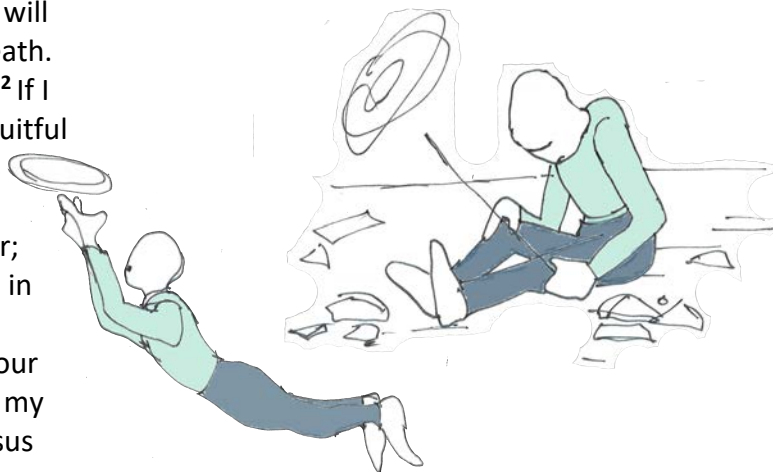
<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> 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! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> 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, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

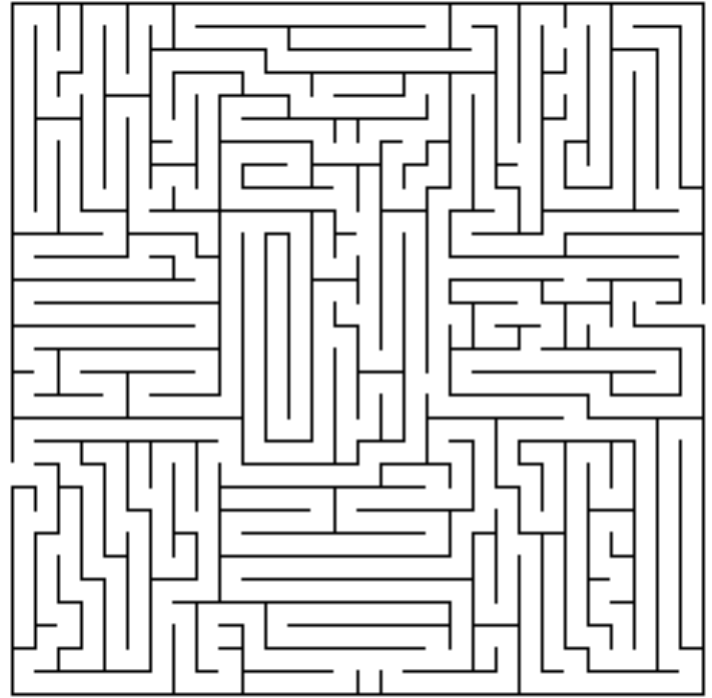
### Big Idea

**To live joyfully and fully today  
is only found in Jesus Christ  
and even more so  
when trouble and death come  
"To live is Christ and to die is gain."**



# Crossway Crossword & Puzzles

u z z s g f j l u v o r s h u  
 m y x e q o e h i z w i d e j  
 y o j a c r u a h f z v r c k  
 g o o d w i l l r a e a a l e  
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 q c a z a x y x g l m e y r z  
 u e p i o r q i i d j d i c t  
 s g g e f q e e x t g z g w x  
 d n v a g i g v p v d g o h e  
 c u i c r e g z i v c n s t v  
 n p g a v u d d p l m p p i o  
 u z m l h z o h y v e t e a l  
 h t a e d c n c a y s d l f u



- Word List**
- chains
  - courage
  - death
  - deliverance
  - envy
  - faith
  - fear
  - goodwill
  - gospel
  - guard
  - joy
  - life
  - love
  - prayers
  - rivalry

- Down**
1. ...it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard ... that I am in \_\_\_\_ for Christ.
  2. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient \_\_\_\_.
  3. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean \_\_\_\_ labor for me.
  5. ...what has happened to me has actually served to advance the \_\_\_\_.
  7. The important thing is that in every way, ..., Christ is \_\_\_\_.

- Across**
4. ...some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of \_\_\_\_.
  6. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become \_\_\_\_ in the Lord...
  8. ...supposing that they can stir up \_\_\_\_ for me while I am in chains.
  9. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is \_\_\_\_.
  10. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the \_\_\_\_ of the gospel.

The crossword puzzle grid consists of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space. The grid is partially filled with letters from the word list and clues. The numbered starting points are:

- 1: Down, starting at row 1, column 10.
- 2: Down, starting at row 4, column 4.
- 3: Down, starting at row 3, column 3.
- 4: Across, starting at row 4, column 4.
- 5: Down, starting at row 5, column 2.
- 6: Across, starting at row 5, column 1.
- 7: Down, starting at row 7, column 1.
- 8: Across, starting at row 7, column 1.
- 9: Across, starting at row 8, column 1.
- 10: Across, starting at row 9, column 1.

