



## **Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline**

Pastor Philip Thomas, December 21, 2025

Philippians 1:19-26 – Godly Deliverance

Paul doesn't expect godly deliverance to free him from disease, distress, defeat, demons, and death. Instead, he trusts the Lord to deliver him to fulfill his purpose and call, whether by life or death!

For me, to live is Christ.

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

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by seeking godly deliverance from all our troubles.

May the Lord be a shield around you, your glory, and the lifter of your head. May you lie down and sleep and wake again, because the Lord sustains you. May you not fear, though tens of thousands assail you on every side. When you cry, "Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God!" may you see that from the Lord comes deliverance. Lord, may your blessing be on your people! (Psalm 3)

### **Discussion Questions:**

- How do we tend to think of divine deliverance? What do we expect from God regarding our fears and troubles related to disease, distress, defeat, demons, and death?
- How did Paul understand God's deliverance? How does God deliver us from our fears and troubles, even if the fear-inducing conditions and troubles remain?
- What did it mean for Paul that for him to live was Christ? What should we learn from Paul's example?
- What did it mean for Paul that for him to die was gain? What should we learn from Paul's example?
- What does Jesus' example in Matthew 26 teach us regarding being delivered to fulfill God's will?
- How should we exercise faith for true godly deliverance?