

“For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.” These well-known and challenging words have been a source of encouragement to many Christians. These words have been a consistent question for most Christians asking, “Can I really say that about Christ?” For us to be able to say these words, we are going to need to increasingly enjoy Jesus more and more. We hope that this will help you this week as you spend time in personal reflection, talking with family, or discussing with friends or your community.

### **Read Philippians 1:19-26**

God has made us ambassadors, and ambassadors do everything to make their King look glorious.

**Reflection:** What do you think your life is primarily identified by? How would others answer this about you: “You are an ambassador of \_\_\_\_\_” (Your family, your job, your hobbies, specific likes, dislikes..)? Why do you think that thing means so much to you? Do you enjoy Christ as much as you enjoy that thing?

It is only possible to be able to say, “For me to live is Christ” when nothing has more value to you in this life than Christ, and it is only possible to be able to say, “to die is gain” if Christ has more value than anything you can leave behind.

**Reflection:** What are some things that could wrongly replace Christ in our lives? Why do those things hold so much value in your life? How are you supposed to view those things in your life?

What do you need to do to see Christ as the most valuable thing in your life?

We are meant to enjoy Christ more than anything in this world, and it is God through Christ that has made this joy possible.

**Reflection:** In what areas of your life are you struggling to enjoy God? Is there any specific sin that you need to confess that is preventing you from enjoying God? Who could you confess that to and ask for help in that area?

Spend time thanking God for the specific ways that He has worked in your life. Reflect on what these words mean in your life- “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus.” Ask God to increase your faith so that you can truly enjoy Him and see him as the most valuable thing in the world.