"My Greatest Desire" April 30, 2023 \* Phil. 1:12-26

Finds God's in life's difficulties,
"what has happened to me has really served" (1:12)
Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28
Seeks to God's work even in tough times
"has really served to advance the gospel" (1:12)
Sees God's to save
some preach Christ "from good will" (1:15)
Avoids arguing over man's and efforts to discourage
some "preach Christ from envy and rivalry" (1:15)
while others "proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition" (1:17)
Celebrates when Christ is
"whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice" (1:18) 1 Corinthians 1:23; 2
Corinthians 4:5; Colossians 1:28-29
Knows that God's will is always best for His – "deliverance"
"for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my
deliverance" (1:19)
Living means Christ's in my life – fruitful labor for Him
Colossians 1:27b
"which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."
Dying is gain – "better," – because I go to heaven
"For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (1:21)
Believers belong to the Lord
Romans 14:7-9
Believers live on after death
John 11:25-27
Believers go to heaven
2 Corinthians 5:6-9
Christ removes fear of death
Hebrews 2:14-15
Dying brings judgment
John 5:25-27
Dying brings separation from God
2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

Fill in the blanks: purpose, advance, power, pettiness, proclaimed, people, presence, profitable, directly