

A close-up photograph of yellow flowers, likely Forsythia, with water droplets on their petals and stems. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

FOR ME TO LIVE IS
CHRIST
AND TO DIE IS GAIN

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

ACC WESTERN CAMP
JULY 11-17, 2016

For Me to Live is Christ and to Die is Gain

ACC Western Camp 2016 at Warm Beach Camp, WA

<i>Mon</i>	5:30 PM	Dinner
	6:45 - 8:00 PM	Evening Worship / Junior Worship / Crafts*
	8:15 PM	Ice Cream Social
	9:00 PM	Youth Singspiration
	11:00 PM	Quiet Time* (Warm Beach Camp rule)
	11:30 PM	IN CABIN & LIGHTS OUT*
<i>Tue-Sat</i>	7:00 - 7:50 AM	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast
	8:50 - 9:30 AM	Morning Worship / Announcements*
	9:40 - 10:30 AM	Classes (all ages)*
	10:45 - 11:45 AM	Breakout Sessions / Junior Choir*
	12:00 Noon	Lunch
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice
	2:00 - 5:30 PM	Free Time / Special Activities
	5:30 PM	Dinner
	6:45 - 8:00 PM	Evening Worship / Jr Worship / Crafts*
	11:00 PM	Quiet Time* (Warm Beach Camp rule)
	11:30 PM	IN CABIN & LIGHTS OUT*
<i>Tue</i>	8:30 - 9:30 PM	Campfire (Tues / Wed / Sat)*
<i>Wed</i>	2:00 - 2:30 PM	Watermelon Feed in front of Cedar Lodge
<i>Thu</i>	8:30 - 9:30 PM	Junior Campfire
<i>Thu</i>	9:00 - 10:00 PM	Songfest
<i>Thu</i>	10:00 - 10:45 PM	Pizza Party
<i>Fri</i>	4:30 - 5:00 PM	Business Meeting
<i>Fri</i>	8:15 PM	Salami Feast
<i>Fri</i>	9:00 - 10:00 PM	Youth Singspiration (Mon / Fri / Sat 9:45)*
<i>Sat</i>	3:30 PM	Watermelon Feed at softball game
<i>Sun</i>	7:00 - 7:50 AM	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Worship Service* (out of rooms by 11 AM)
	11:30 AM	Lunch

***Required Attendance**

Please do not leave the camp grounds without signing out at the registrar's desk

Class and Meeting Locations

General

Campfire	Amphitheatre
Meals	Cedar Lodge
Prayer Meeting	Prayer Chapel
Registration	Cedar Lodge
Services	Program Center Auditorium
Singspiration	Maple Center
Songfest	Cedar Lodge Chapel

Adult Programs

Classes & Forums	Program Center Room A & Cedar Lodge Chapel
Forums	Cedar Lodge Chapel / Program Center Auditorium
Choir Practice	Program Center Auditorium

Youth Programs

Junior High School Class	Maple Center
High School Class	Maple Center
College & Careers Class	Maple Center
Forums	Maple Center

Junior Programs

3-5 yr old Class	Program Center Room B
6-8 yr old Class	Olympic View Upper
9-11 yr old Class	Olympic View Lower
Tiny Tot Choir (3-8 yr old)	Program Center Room B
Junior Choir (9-11 yr old)	Cedar Lodge Chapel
Junior Church & Crafts (3-11 yr old)	Program Center Room B
Nursery	Program Center Room C

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2016 Warm Beach Camp Lesson Outline

“For Me to Live is Christ and to Die is Gain”

Based on A Walk Thru the Book of Philippians, digital edition

Note: This outline is merely a guideline for possible topics to be discussed. Individual teachers may choose to focus on some topics at the exclusion of others.

Introduction

The book of Philippians is both a very challenging and a very encouraging book of the Bible. In it, Paul is candid about some of the trials and challenges believers face when they claim the name of Christ. His letter is filled with advice that is very applicable to the daily grind of our modern world. Who among us hasn't struggled with a lack of contentment? How often do we entertain and even indulge thoughts that are unrighteous? Can we honestly say that we are "not anxious about anything" and that we replace our worry with "prayer and supplication" that makes our requests known to God? Do we really believe that we can do all things through Christ?

Our families and churches are often in turmoil. Many of us have experienced heartbreaking loss. Some of us are facing daily anxieties that won't go away. What does Christ have for us this week at camp? Can we say with all our heart by the end of the week, "to live is Christ, to die is gain?"

The format and some of the questions in this study are taken from *A Walk Thru the Book of Philippians*, digital edition. If you would like to explore this study further, purchase this study so you can build upon and apply the principles taught here at camp.

Tuesday Reconnections | Philippians 1:1-26

When we are in crisis, we are faced with a decision: do we pack up and run from adversity, or do we embrace it for what it is - a difficult but necessary part of our spiritual journey? In Acts 16, we see Paul and Silas in prison in Philippi. They are unfairly jailed, yet singing hymns.

Questions for Opening Discussion

As a believer, what are some things that cause you to become very emotional? Why do you think you become so emotional in those situations?

1:1-11 – Opening Salutations, Deep Affection

1. What is the occasion of Paul's letter? What are his current circumstances?
2. Why is Paul emotional at the beginning of his letter to the Philippians?
3. In his opening salutations, Paul makes some important theological statements. What are they?
4. What is interesting about Paul's prayers regarding the Philippians? How does it help us to think about our own prayer life?

5. How has verse 6 been true in your life? How thoroughly do you expect Him to do his work in you?

1:12-18 – A Persistent Advance, Dealing with Adversity

6. Concerning verse 12, how might we be tempted to see Paul's current situation as a huge blow to the spread of the gospel?
7. How is Paul using crisis as opportunity? How can this apply to our current spiritual walk?

1:19-26 – A Difficult Dilemma, Looking Forward to the End

8. Do you think most Christians feel the same way Paul does about departing to be with Christ? Why or why not? In what ways does our view of death affect the way we live?
9. What do you think Paul means by "sufficient courage?" Why is courage a necessary part of our spiritual walk?

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Wednesday A Humble Descent | Philippians 1:27-2:18

Walk Thru the Bible notes that Philippians 2 contains one of the earliest church hymns. The book notes that it is a “graphic picture of the incarnation, the great descent from the throne of heaven to the lowlands of the earth and back again to glory. In Philippians 2, followers of Jesus are told to take the same trajectory in their lives: “life, sacrificial service, death, and then resurrection.”

Questions for Opening Discussion

“Normal human nature is to advance and improve.” In what ways is this statement true? What is the usual reaction when somebody settles for less than what they could have had?

1:27-2:4 – Like Minded

1. Why do you think Paul refers to suffering for Jesus as though it's a privilege that has been granted? Why don't we normally consider it this way?
2. Why is it hard for us, even as Christians, to sacrifice our interests for the interests of others? Is it always right for us to give in to others? Why or why not?

2:5-2:11 – Sacrificial

3. What is beautiful, magnificent, and shocking about the theme of this early church hymn recited by Paul in these verses?

4. To what degree do you think Christians reflect the kind of humility Paul is talking about?
5. What gets in the way of us achieving this kind of humility?

2:12-2:18 – Selfless

6. What role does humility play in the verses 12-13 as the believer “works out” his or her salvation?
7. Why are grumbling and arguing postures at odds with spiritual humility? How do we know if we are failing in this area?
8. What is the significance of the “drink offering” Paul is referring to in these verses? Look at 2 Timothy 4:6, Numbers 28:1-8, and Exodus 29:38-42.
9. What impact do you think the church would have on the world if every member was completely, radically selfless? What can we do in practice to develop and maintain a selfless attitude?

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Thursday The Magnificent Obsession | Philippians 2:19-3:16

Walk Thru the Bible observes: “A significant percentage of early Christians had come to faith in Jesus from a background of Pharisaism-strict and excruciatingly thorough observance of the Torah, the law of Moses.” It’s apparent from the context that some “Judaizers” were influencing the Philippian church. Notice how Paul responds to them as he elaborates on the preeminence of Christ.

2:19-30 – Supporting Servants

1. What evidence is there in these verses that speak to Paul’s sense of isolation?
2. Using this passage as an example, how can we distinguish between complaining and genuinely expressing troubling issues?

3:1-16 – Only Jesus

3. Background- Who were the Judaizers? Why did Paul use such harsh language when referring to them? (*also see Galatians 5:10-12*)
4. As a contrast, how does Paul view his “pedigree” now?

5. What types of things from our past and present tend to shape our identity?
6. What are simple principles to follow that would lead us to the type of single-minded devotion Paul is describing in this passage?
7. In this passage Paul speaks of putting the past behind him and pressing on towards the mark. How does this principle relate to both our past failures and our past successes?
8. What are the things that God has asked you to leave behind in your pursuit of Him?
9. Being as honest as you can be, to what degree do you think you've found full satisfaction in Jesus? How do you think Paul would advise an unsatisfied Christian to continue to seek fulfillment?

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Friday **Joy | Philippians 3:17-4:9**

Walk Thru the Bible states that “It’s hard to know exactly what causes the flames of joy to shrink into dull embers, but it happens all the time.” Apparently, it was happening in Philippi.

1. What are some ways that we can tell when joy is fading in a congregation?
2. What are some reasons that this might happen?
3. What do you think Paul means in verse 19 when he says, “Their mind is on earthly things?”
4. In practical terms, what do you think it means to be a citizen of heaven?
5. How does someone live differently when they know that they belong to an unearthly kingdom?
6. How does being a citizen of heaven strengthen us for life in this world?

7. How might the climate of a congregation change if it took to heart Paul's instructions in 4:4-9?
8. How might it change the climate of our personal life?
9. Think about what the antithesis to these instructions would be, and discuss how we sometimes see those things present in our lives instead of the things mentioned in this passage.
10. Are Paul's instructions in this passage realistic?
11. What role does the community of believers play in cultivating joy in the church?
12. Is joy a choice?

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Saturday Gifts and Gratitude | Philippians 4:10-23

Much of our life is spent chasing contentment. Paul acknowledges that it is something a believer must wrestle with. Surely this is not only a modern phenomenon, but it's possible that the issue is amplified by our culture's consumerism. In today's lesson, we will meditate on the significance of Paul's "secret."

Questions for Opening Discussion

1. Look at 2 Corinthians 8:1-2: What does this express about the Macedonian churches (Including Phillipi)?
2. Consider Psalm 37:25-26; Proverbs 19:17; Deuteronomy 15:10: What is the common theme of these verses?

4:10-13 – Always Content

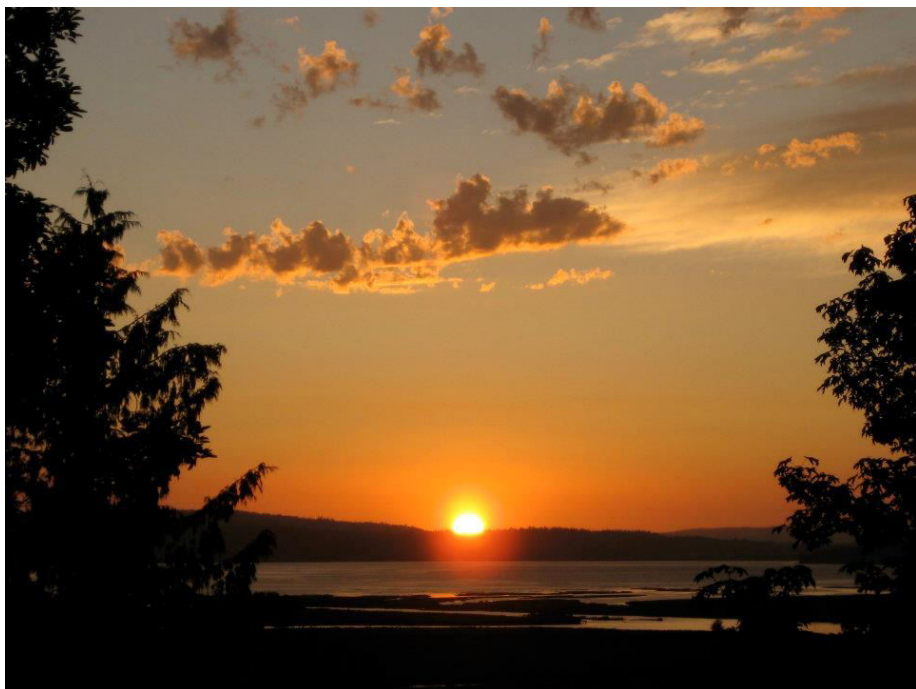
3. Why is contentment sometimes elusive?
4. What was Paul's secret? How did he maintain his sense of contentment?
5. What can we do, in practical terms, to adopt his attitude if we don't already have it?

4:14-23 – Always Supplied

6. What significance does Paul find in the Philippian church's willingness to give to his ministry?
7. It has been said that our money always flows in the direction of our affections- our pocketbooks reflect our priorities. To what extent do you believe this is true? How does our spending reflect our love for God?
8. What principles are expressed in verse 19? Do you think the promise of this verse is conditional on our giving?
9. What are some important biblical principles to remember when we think about our "needs?"
10. In what ways have you noticed God respond to your generosity toward him?

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