SCRIPTURE PHILIPPIANS 1:12 – 26



Frailty and Eternality

Security provided vs. Security attained Either/Or?

Is Nobility therefore disposability?

"Are you happy?"

- Strange to Wong



Book main idea:

The Right Courage Comes From Joy

See verses 4 and 18

In the crucified and resurrected Christ:

Destruction and Deliverance are Compatible.





1. God's advance of the Gospel and my deliverance are compatible.

God's revealed will: Advance the Gospel Philippians 1:12

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

God's revealed will: He'll deliver us

Philippians 1:19

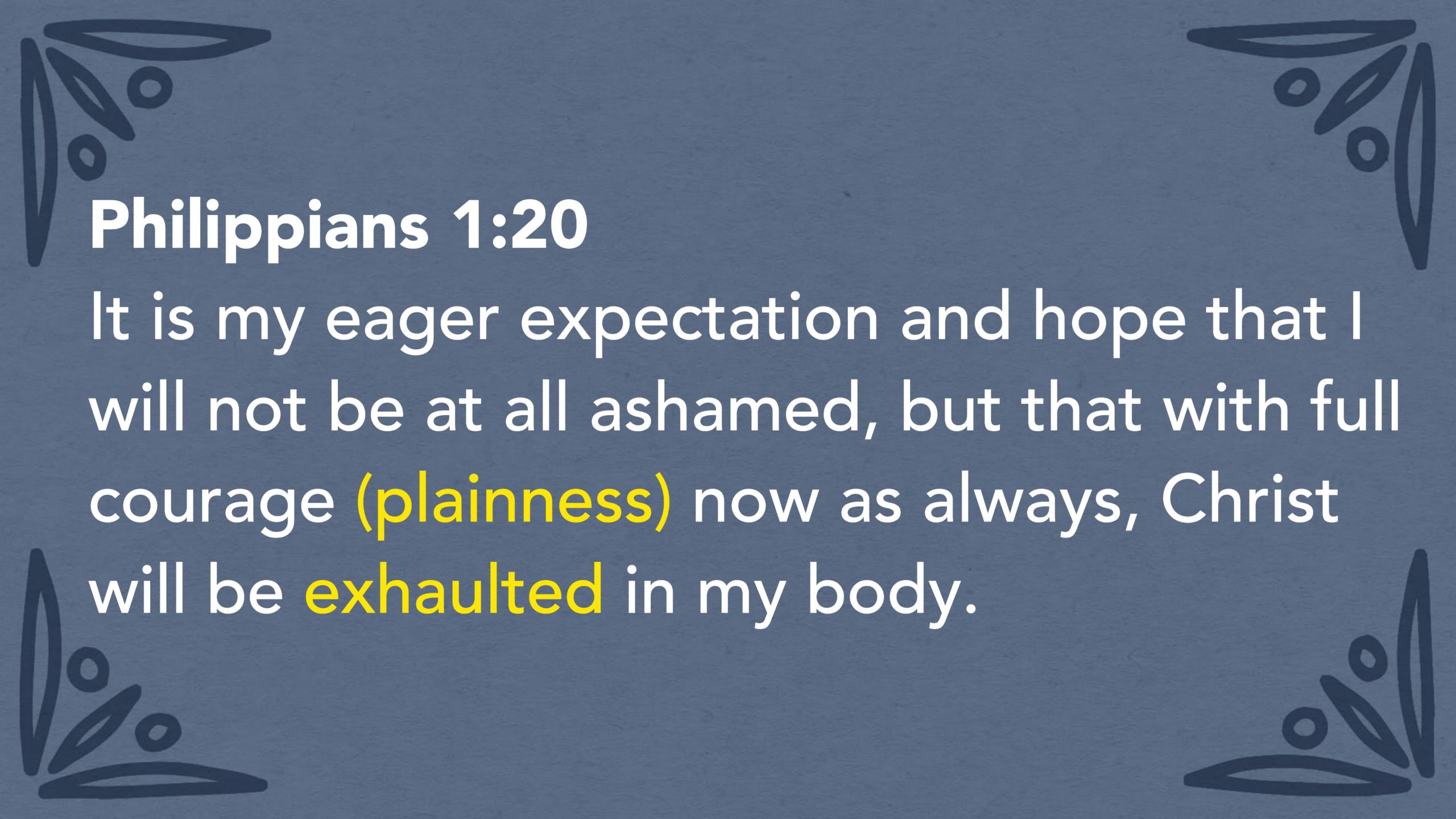
For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance...

God's promise comes through his means.

Philippians 1:19

...For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

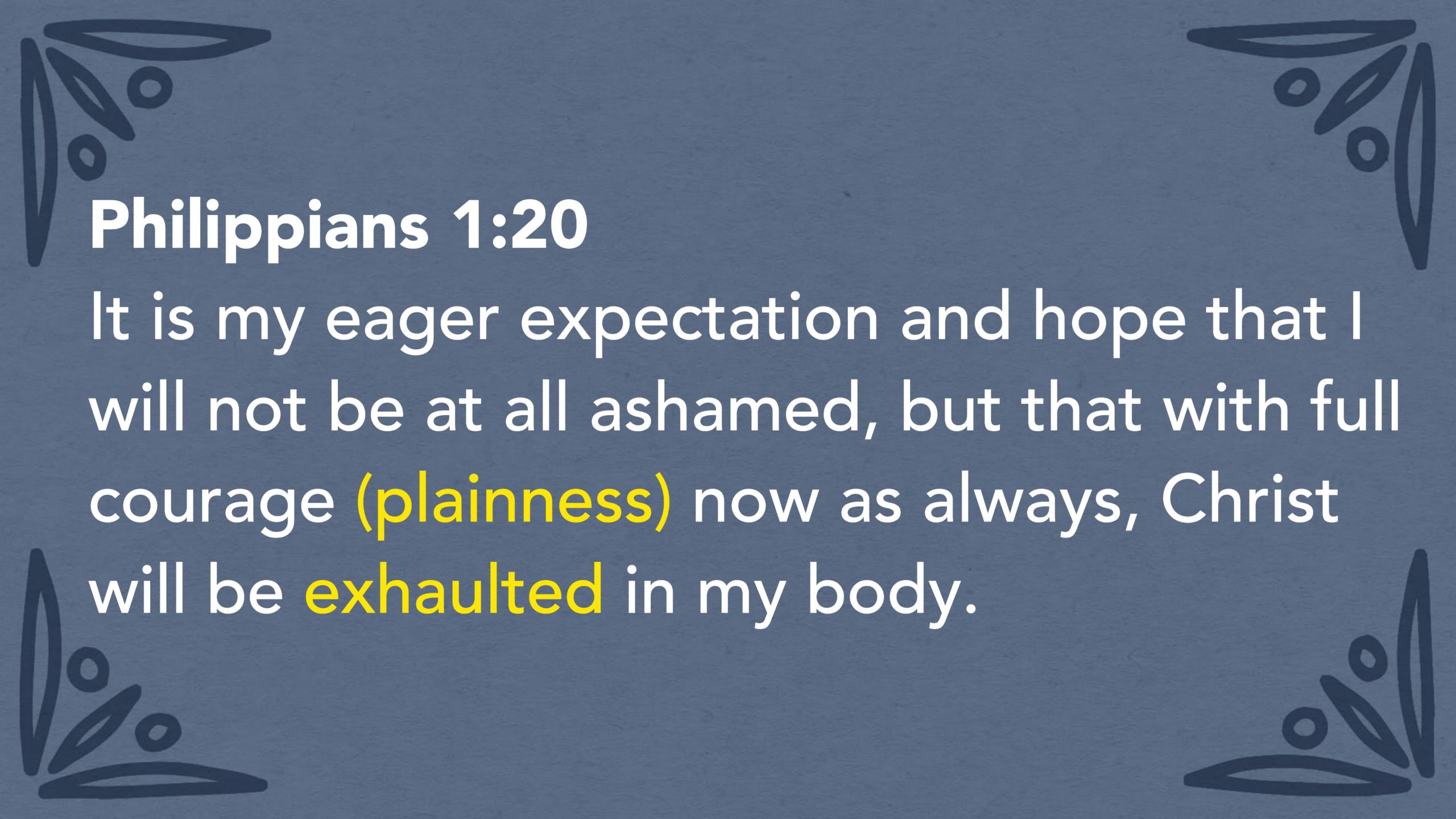
2. Deliverance is Christ being honored in my body.



Opposite of normal mankind

"Almost all humans will do anything to save their lifestyle, and the rest, anything to save their lives. No one believes in God enough to change that." - The Accuser

Job 2:4 (paraphrase)



Rejoicing... Joy – With God's help I'll do it. Courage - I know exactly what I'm here to do.

Not ashamed – this is my nobility

Exaltation – this is my greatest offering

3. Continuing in the body means fruitful service.

Philippians 1:22 – 27

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! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body...

Philippians 1:22 – 27

...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, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me...

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Desire vs. Need

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Joy and Progress

Philippians 1:25 – 26

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Philippians 1:27

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