

The Morning After Devotional
Philippians 1:23-24

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For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

Have you ever had to make a decision between what you want, and what God has designed for your life? Sure you have! Paul in this text shows us that we are not alone, he too has stood at this crossroad. In the lesson text, Paul shared his experience. First, he shared his (desire) "to be with Christ". The rigors of prison and his passion for Christ leaves him wanting to die and be with the Lord. Further, he shared his (decision) "it is more needful". Although, his heart's desire was pushing him toward being with Christ, Paul said to the Church, my decision is to remain here with you. This decision was based on God's will for the Apostle's life. Christian friends be careful that your determination to be free doesn't eclipse God's design for you to remain faithful. Until the next time may the blessings of God be upon you as you strive to make His will your very own!

The Prayer:

Father, thank you for the privilege of prayer, and the process of patience in our moments of weakness. It's in the name of our Christ that we pray. Amen.

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