



People have passion about so many things, sports, jobs, vacations, family. We will invest ourselves in the things that motivate and excite us. Coming into this fall, what is motivating me? What will drive me to be, to do, to become all that God has in store for me?

**KEY VERSE:** *"I want to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings and so, somehow, to attain the resurrection from the dead" (Philippians 3:10-11).*

Paul is writing to the Philippian church. He is writing, even while he is under guard to encourage this group of believers to stand strong with Jesus. His foundation for his strength is his belief in who Jesus is, past, present and future. Jesus is the king who rules and reigns supreme.

Read *Philippians 2:1-11*.

How does Paul see Jesus now? How does his view inform how he believes we can live today?

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I can live with \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you" (Philippians 3:1).*

**Joy comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus:**

Read *Psalms 16:11*

How well do I live in the joy of Jesus? Why hinders me?

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**I can live with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more" (Philippians 3:4).*

**Jesus exalted lets me live with \_\_\_\_\_.**

Where does most of my confidence come from? How does that differ from Paul?

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**I can live with \_\_\_\_\_**

*"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead" (Phil 3:10,11).*

**Do I know about Jesus or know Jesus?**

**I can live with \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).*

**I can run and finish \_\_\_\_\_**

**This week:**

- Am I living in the confident power that Jesus brings to me?
- How is my life and the life of others around me being changed by the exalted Jesus?