

# **“Reflections Under House Arrest”**

## **Philippians 1:12-30**

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- ◆ What did Paul discover about God?
- ◆ What did Paul learn about the purpose of his life?
- ◆ What would he say to the ones he loved?

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We lose faith in God when life does not unfold in line with our plans. But nothing can stop God's greater purpose for this world, and we can partner with God in His work or live for ourselves.



Black Sea

THRACE

MACEDONIA

Amphipolis Philippi Neapolis

Egnatian Way

SAMOTHRACE

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

Berea Apollonia Thessalonica

EPIRUS

Troas

MYSIA

Antioch in Pisidia

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

ASIA

Thyatira

PHRYGIA

Iconium

(starting point)

Cenchreae

Ephesus

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

ACHAIA

Athens

RHODES

LYCIA

CILICIA

Antioch

SYRIA

CRETE

Gortyna

CYPRUS



(starting point)

**Phil**  
**1:12-14**

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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God's greater purpose for this world  
cannot be frustrated.

**Phil**  
**1:15-18**

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

**Phil**  
**1:19-26**

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.

**Phil**  
**1:19-26**

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

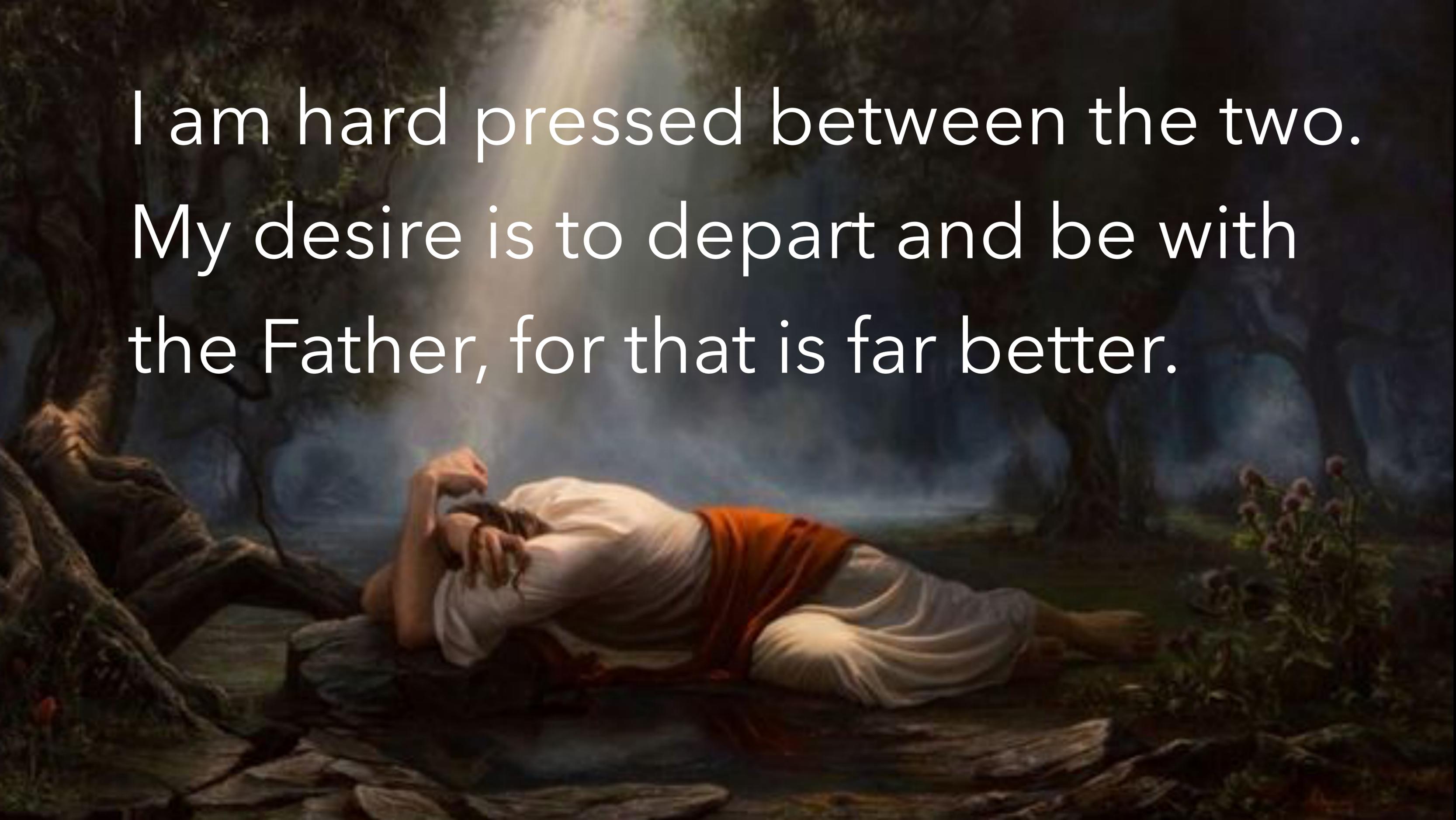
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God's great purpose for Paul's life was that through him, others might know Christ and grow in Christ.

**Phil**  
**1:23**

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**Phil**  
**1:24-25**

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Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith...

**Phil**  
**1:27-30**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

**Phil**  
**1:27-30**

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Phil**  
**1:27a**

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**Phil**  
**1:27b**

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