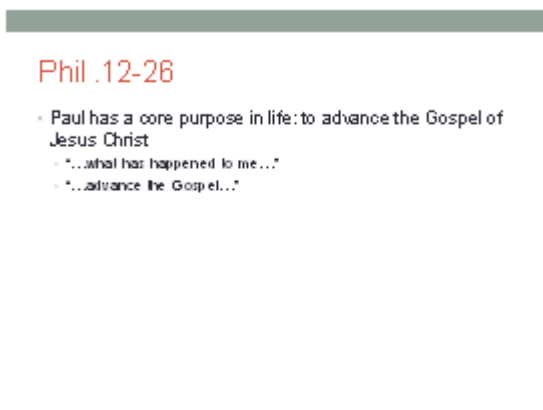


Purpose in Life: Philippians

1.12-26

My outline for this section of Scripture is found in these slides. I've taught Philippians several times, but have never seen the concept of purpose as strongly as I did this week while preparing. They say that those who teach and preach often learn the most important truths based on what God is taking them through in their own life. I can't deny this is true of me. I hope you find this helpful.



Core Purpose in Life

- Passion for the cause
- Love for the cause
- Structure your life around that cause
 - Relationships
 - Finances
 - Activities
 - Trade off decisions
 - Education
 - Skills
- Will make enemies as well as friends

Living Out Core Purpose

- Draws others to your cause
- Encourages others to continue the cause
 - "...others have been encouraged to speak..."
- Draws some to pervert the cause
 - "...some preach Christ out of my..."

Some Wrestle with Purpose

I am ready for the road less traveled
Sitting up for my crowning battle
This is life's my own cross to bare
But I will get there

It's never easy to be chosen, never easy to be called
Standing on the front line when the bomb is set to fall
I can see the heavens but I'll hear the names
Calling out my name

I can see the writing on the wall
I can't ignore this war
At the end of it all
Who am I fighting for?

I can feel this fight that's inside of me
Growing far into a ball of fighting
I know one spark will shock the world, yeah yeah

So I pray for a favour like Either
I need your strength to handle the pressure
I know there will be sacrifice
But that's the price

Purpose Undeterred

- "...will turn out for my deliverance..."
- Deliverance
 - Either in death "...exalted in my body..."
 - or in life
 - Paul wins either way
- Ultimate purpose – to be with Christ
- Short term purpose – to stay behind and encourage the church

Lessons

- How Do We Find Purpose?
 - Allow the Lord to complete His work in you
 - Purpose = Call+Focus+Development
 - Increase more and more In... (Development)
 - Knowledge & Insight
 - Discernment
 - Purity and Blamelessness
 - Filled with truth
- Purpose is clarified and refined as one matures

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