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Verses 12-14



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Verses 12-14

- My imprisonment has turned into praise.
- People know I'm here because of my faith in Christ.
- Other believers have become even more courageous in sharing Christ...that's great!



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Verses 15-17

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Verses 15-17

- Different people have different motivations...some good and some bad.
- Some preach Christ out of love and partnership.
- Others preach Christ selfishly and painfully.

Verse 18

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Verse 18

- I'm staying focused...what does it matter?!
- Here's the key...Christ is preached!
- I'm celebrating...I'm going to rejoice, and keep on rejoicing. The main thing is happening!

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Verses 18b-20



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Verses 18b-20

- Your prayers are so important!
- I know the Spirit of Jesus Christ is helping me.
- I don't want to be ashamed...I just want Christ to be exalted!



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Verse 21



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Verse 21

- It gets down to this...walk with Jesus here or be with Jesus there.
- Walking with Jesus here is great!
- Being with Jesus there is even better!



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Verses 22-26

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Verses 22-26

- It really is a tough choice!!
- I want to go be with Jesus...it will be far better.
- But I care about you...being here can be helpful to you...so I'm confident I'll stay for your joy and growth.

Quick Summary:

Imprisonment has turned to praise!
Yes, there are detractors/distractions.
What counts? Christ is preached!
I'm celebrating...God will use it for good.
Two options, tough choice: go or stay?
To live is Christ...to die is gain.
I's helpful for you...I'll stay. See you soon.

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Hyper-Quick Summary:

- Stay focused...Christ is preached, and that's what counts.
- Living or dying, it's all about Christ.
- Heaven will wait...hope to see you soon.

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