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and to die is [redacted].”**



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Acts 8:3 ^{NIV}

But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house,
he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Acts 9:1-2 ^{NIV}

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Acts 22:4-5 ^{NIV}

I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, ⁵ as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.



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Philippians 1:21 ^{NIV}

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Acts 22:3 NIV

“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.”



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Philippians 1:22-24 ^{NIV}

If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.



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Philippians 1:25-26 ^{NIV}

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.



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Philippians 1:27a ^{NIV}

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

“live as citizens”

Philippians 3:20a ^{NIV}

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Acts 22:22-29 NIV

The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, “Rid the earth of him! He’s not fit to live!” ²³ As they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, ²⁴ the commander ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. He directed that he be flogged and interrogated in order to find out why the people were shouting at him like this. ²⁵ As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, “Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn’t even been found guilty?” ²⁶ When the centurion

heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. “What are you going to do?” he asked. “This man is a Roman citizen.” ²⁷ The commander went to Paul and asked, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” “Yes, I am,” he answered. ²⁸ Then the commander said, “I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship.” “But I was born a citizen,” Paul replied. ²⁹ Those who were about to interrogate him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.

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Philippians 1:27b ^{NIV}

Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel...

Philippians 1:27b ^{ESV}

...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...



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Philippians 1:27b ^{NIV}

...Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit/spirit, **striving together** as one for the faith of the gospel...



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Philippians 1:28-30 NIV

...without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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**Living Worthy of
the Gospel of Christ**

Preserve Unity

Spread the Gospel Message

Live in Confidence, not Fear



**“For me to live is [redacted]
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**“For me to live is money
and to die is to leave it all behind.”**

**“For me to live is recreation/entertainment
and to die is to stand empty-handed before God.”**

**“For me to live is fame
and to die is to be forgotten.”**

**“For me to live is power
and to die is to lose it all.”**



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