

## “CONFLICTING DESIRES” PHILIPPIANS 1:22–26

INTRODUCTION —

### **A. A DESIRE TO DEPART — AND BE WITH CHRIST**

1. DO NOT CHOSE DEATH IN ITSELF!
2. A METAPHOR FOR DEPARTURE...
3. BEING WITH CHRIST IS BETTER

### **B. A DESIRE TO STAY — AND SERVE THE SAINTS**

1. FRUITFUL LABOR (22)
2. NECESSARY (24)
3. RESULTING JOY AND PROGRESS (25)

### **C. TORN BETWEEN TWO ALTERNATIVES**

1. WE ARE NOT AUTOMATONS!
2. YOU ARE BOTH BODY — AND SOUL
3. OUR LORD IS SOVEREIGN OVER US

### **APPLICATIONS**

- ◆ EXERCISE GOOD DECISION-MAKING SKILLS
- ◆ LEARN TO BE PATIENT AND WAIT
- ◆ SERVE GOD'S PURPOSES AND PEOPLE HERE & NOW