

Acts 25:1-12

Paul wanted to live for Jesus, he wasn't necessarily looking to die for Him. Though he was willing.

Jesus Brought LIFE!

- Palm Sunday starts Holy Week:
 - The Triumphant entrance started a week of events that would change eternity.
 - **Matthew 21:1-11**
 - **Mark 11:1-10**
 - **Luke 19:28-40**
 - **John 12:12-15**

Abundant Life

- **John 10:7-12** Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

What is Abundant Living?

- Ezekiel 34:11-15...
- **Ezekiel 34:16** I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which* was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

... I will seek that which was lost, ...

- **Seek**-- by implication, to strive after:—ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).
- **Lost**-- lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):—break, destroy, not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, X and surely, take, be undone, be void of, have no way to flee.
- **Luke 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

...and bring again that which was driven away...

- Bring again-- a primitive root; to turn back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of return to the starting point);
- **Philippians 3:13-14** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

...will bind up that which was
broken...

- **Bind up**--a primitive root; to wrap firmly (especially a turban, compress, or saddle); figuratively, to stop, to rule:—bind (up), gird about, govern, healer, put, saddle, wrap about.

...strengthen that which was sick...

- **Strengthen**-- a primitive root; to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify)

the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

- God will judge those who have grown fat due to prosperity and those who take advantage of the weak. In context this refers to spiritual leaders who mislead and are out for personal gain.

Acts 25:11

- So, Paul is not afraid to die. He is willing to die if there is a cause.
- **Philippians 1:21** For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.
- But, he also understands the importance and joy of living for Christ.