

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of a pair of bright yellow rubber boots. The boots are stepping into a dark, reflective puddle, which has caused a large, energetic splash of water to erupt from the surface. The water droplets are frozen in mid-air, creating a dynamic and textured backdrop. The boots are positioned in the upper right corner, with their reflection clearly visible in the water below. The overall mood is one of joy and playfulness, which directly relates to the text overlay.

Philippians

Finding Joy...

Right Where You Are

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

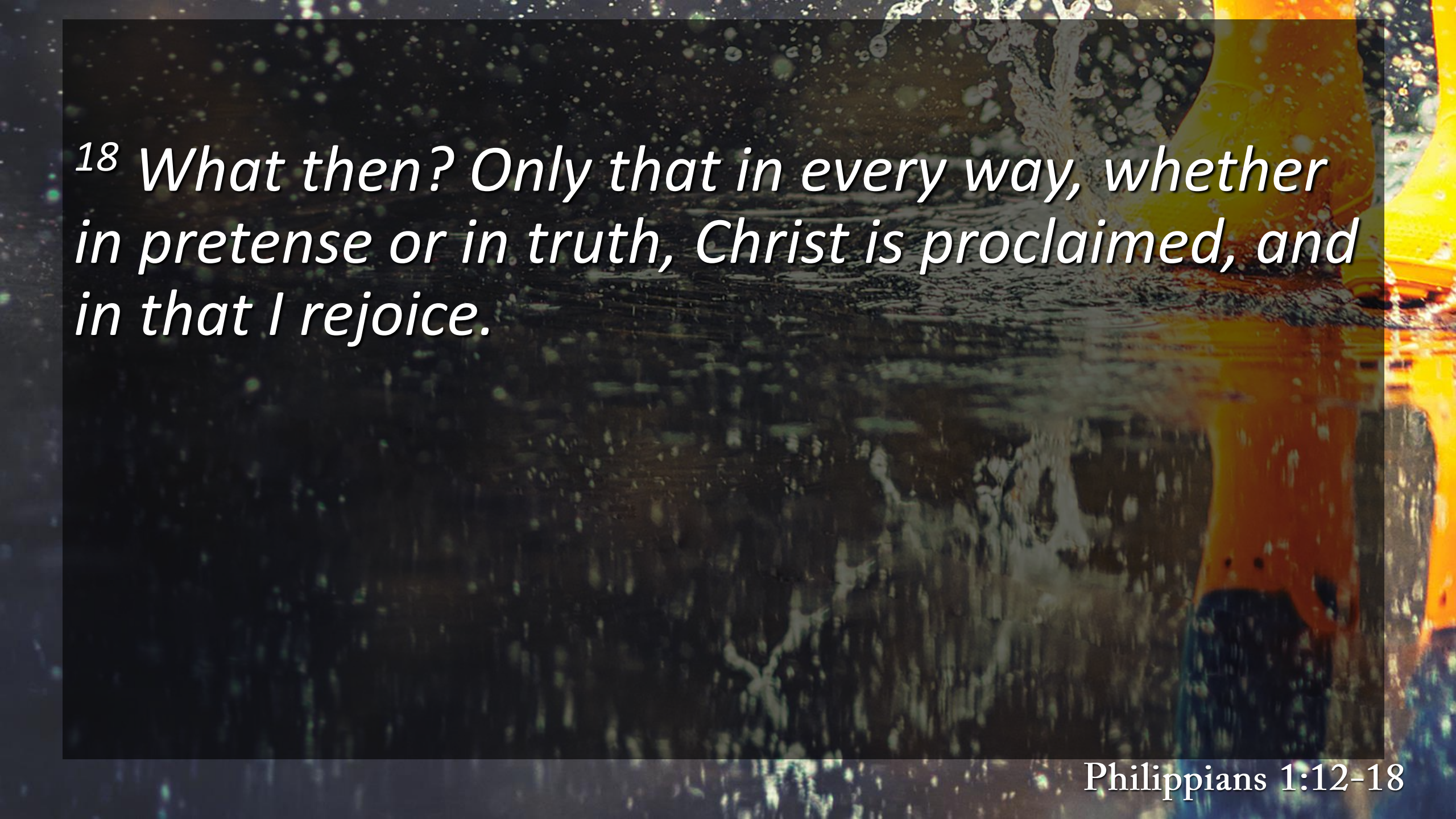
¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

A background image showing a person wearing a bright yellow raincoat walking through a wet, reflective surface, likely a street in the rain. The scene is dark, with the yellow of the coat and the wet pavement reflecting light, creating a moody and atmospheric effect.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.

¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.



¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Philippians 1:12-18

18b Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,

20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.



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²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,

²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

What is Next?

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How do you finish this statement?

For me to live is _____

To die is _____

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1 Corinthians 15:19 *If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.*

2 Corinthians 5:1 *For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

Philippians 1:18-26

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2 Corinthians 5:6-10 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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The Believers Indecision

Do you have a proper indecision about whether you should depart and be with the Lord, but you are needed here to share the gospel with others?

How do you finish this statement?

For me to live is _____

To die is _____

Continuing the Discussion

- Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- *How do you finish this statement?*
For me to live is _____ To die is _____