

# Philippians 1:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

## Analysis

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**And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith** (καὶ τοῦτο πεποιθὼς οἴδα ὅτι μενῶ καὶ παραμενῶ πᾶσιν ὑμῖν εἰς τὴν ὑμῶν προκοπὴν καὶ χαρὰν τῆς πίστεως, kai touto pepoithōs oida hoti menō kai paramenō pasin hymin eis tēn hymōn prokopēn kai charan tēs pisteōs)—Pepoithōs (perfect participle, "having been persuaded, confident") expresses settled conviction. Oida ("I know") claims prophetic insight—Paul expects release from imprisonment.

Menō kai paramenō ("I shall remain and continue to remain") doubles the verb for emphasis. Purpose: **for your furtherance** (εἰς τὴν ὑμῶν προκοπήν, eis tēn hymōn prokopēn)—prokopēn ("progress, advancement," same word as v. 12) now applied to believers' maturity. **Joy of faith** (χαρὰν τῆς πίστεως, charan tēs pisteōs) unites Philippians' twin themes: joy and faith. Paul's ministry aims at both doctrinal growth and affective joy.

## Historical Context

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Paul's confidence proved accurate—he was released from this imprisonment (implied by Pastoral Epistles, which presume a fourth missionary journey). Whether by revelation or sanctified judgment based on legal circumstances, Paul believed God would preserve him for further ministry. Ancient imprisonment outcomes were unpredictable; Paul's confidence rested on providence, not legal optimism.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you discern between presumption and Spirit-given confidence about the future?
2. What is the relationship between 'furtherance' (growth) and 'joy' in Christian maturity?
3. Are you as confident as Paul that God will preserve you for the sake of others' faith?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ τοῦτο πεποιθὼς οἶδα ὅτι μενῶ καὶ  
And having this confidence I know that I shall abide And  
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συμπαραμενῶ πᾶσιν ὑμῖν εἰς τὴν ὑμῶν προκοπὴν καὶ  
continue all with you for G3588 your furtherance And  
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χαρὰν τῆς πίστεως  
joy of faith  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 1:24** (Faith): Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

**Philippians 2:24** (Faith): But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

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