The best is arriving right now

I will continue to rejoice ¹⁹ because I know that through your prayers and through God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

²⁰ I eagerly expect, and hope, that I will in no way be ashamed, but I will have sufficient courage so that now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

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

By His Divine power, God has already given us everything we need for living a life of godliness. 2 Peter 1:3

What I've got coming is 1:20

I am not ashamed of the Gospel because... Romans 1:16 God is not ashamed to be our God. Hebrews 11:16

I, the Lord, do not change. Malachi 3:6 cf. James 1:17

What I've got at the end is 1:21

My physical is Christ's life

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1

My physical is my gain

The present sufferings are not worth comparing... Romans 8:18

My prayer points, 17 September 2017

This week's song selection

How high and how wide / All I wanna do is praise Your name / Everything that has breath, praise the Lord / Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine / Here I am to worship / I can't imagine / We are destined to win.

For personal reflection, or group discussion

- 1. What is one time when you were either a really big winner, or a really big loser?
- 2. How do you return to "normal" after a big win or big loss?
- 3. What is it about God that He wants everyone to be a winner? Since God wants everyone to be a winner, why are there people who are losers?
- 4. What are your top two suggestions for making prayer more effective?
- 5. Philippians 1:20 begins with: expectation; hope; shamelessness and courage. In what ways are these four attributes interconnected?
- 6. Without using religious jargon explain "to live is Christ".

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