



# What Matters Most

## MINDSET

### Philippians 1:12-21

#### Outline:

#### We can choose to be . . . (3 Choices)

1. Secure in Our Circumstances - Influence (12-14)
2. Confident in Our Purpose - Identity (15-18)
3. Celebrating Our Future - Impact (19-21)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What two groups was Paul impacting with his ministry as a prisoner? How did it impact them both? (12-14)
2. The naysayers could have made Paul insecure, but he chose to have a different perspective - trust in God's plan. What type of insecurities have surfaced in your life during this season? In what areas of do you need to start trusting him more?
3. When Paul writes about the motivations behind those who are preaching, envy and rivalry versus good will, what motivated him to not lash out at the people who were preaching with wrong motives? (15-18)
4. In prison, Paul may have been perceived as a failure, but in reality he was making an eternal impact on the people around him. What were the two things Paul explained as his goals in his current situation? (20)
5. In verse 21 Paul writes one of the most iconic phrases in the Bible. Go to <https://www.gotquestions.org/to-die-is-gain.html> and read an overview of this wonderful verse. Discuss this verse and the impact it has on all believers as we journey through our lives together.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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