

### **A shared cause (Philippians 1:12-26)**

Stay hungry, stay foolish

***“For to me, to live is Christ, to die is gain.” (v21)***

→ what does that look like?

To answer, let's watch Paul's life in this passage and ask:

**Where is his focus?**

#### **First half of passage: v12-18**

Paul is in prison

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me...

Effect 1: v13

Effect 2: v14

★Where is Paul's focus? – It's o\_\_\_\_\_.

To say to live is Christ is to be fully committed to making Jesus known, whatever our circumstances.

The challenge

Paul is so committed he doesn't even care if it comes at the cost of his own reputation! (v15-18)

#### **Second half of passage: v19-26**

Not just in prison, but facing potential execution

Yet rejoices! Because he trusts there'll be ultimate vindication (v19-20; cf. Job 13:16)

No losing move (v21-23)

★ Where is Paul's focus? – It's u\_\_\_\_\_.

Impacts your decisions

Lives for the “progress and joy in the faith” of others (v25)

***Where is your focus?***