

# The Alchemist

Philippians 1:18-26

Our LIVES ought to be defined by and centered around CHRIST

- When life is defined this way, it gives us COURAGE to face DEATH.

1:18b-23

- When life is defined this way, it gives us PURPOSE to live for CHRIST.

1:24-26

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are your Thanksgiving plans? What are you looking forward to or not looking forward to?
2. Read Philippians 1:12-18. What challenges was Paul facing? What good did things did he see coming out of his challenges?
3. How is Paul's attitude in Philippians 1:18 a model for each of us as Christians?
4. Read Philippians 1:18-23. When you consider death, what emotions does it bring up in you? How can you prepare yourself to face death with courage and confidence?
5. Read Philippians 1:21. How does this verse summarize the entire sermon this week? How are the two truths from this verse two sides of the same coin? Can you have one without the other?
6. Read Philippians 1:24-26. How did Paul's heart for the church direct his decision making? What can we learn from this?
7. This Thanksgiving are there any difficult situations you're facing (difficult relationships, health issues, financial issues, etc.)?
8. What would it look like for you to consider these situations from Christ's perspective? How can you face them with Him defining your life so that His concerns are primary? What are His concerns in your situation?

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Notes

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