

# ONE PURSUIT: 02 PURSUING JESUS BY FOCUSING ON HIM

## *Philippians 1:12-20*

CIT: Jesus' exaltation is the only thing I care about, no matter what others do or say.

**THEME: We must focus everything we are on exalting Jesus.**

### **WE MUST FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON EXALTING JESUS (VS. 12-13)**

*Put Effort Into Knowing Christ*

*Put Effort Into Showing Christ*

### **WE MUST FOCUS OUR EMOTIONS ON EXALTING JESUS (VS. 14-18)**

*Allow Joy And Delight In Christ To Steal Your Focus*

*Refuse To Allow Envy And Selfishness To Steal Focus From Christ*

### **WE MUST FOCUS OUR EXPECTATIONS ON EXALTING JESUS (VS. 19-20)**

*Anticipate Jesus' Miracles*

*Anticipate Jesus' Approval*

*Anticipate Jesus' Glorification*

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually advanced the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and to everyone else, that my imprisonment is because I am in Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Most of the brothers have gained confidence in the Lord from my imprisonment and dare even more to speak the word fearlessly. <sup>15</sup> To be sure, some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of good will. <sup>16</sup> These preach out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup> the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, thinking that they will cause me trouble in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What does it matter? Only that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice

<sup>19</sup> because I know this will lead to my salvation through your prayers and help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ. <sup>20</sup> My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death.