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Lesson 5: Developing a Resurrection Lens

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

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

PHILIPPIANS 1:15-18a

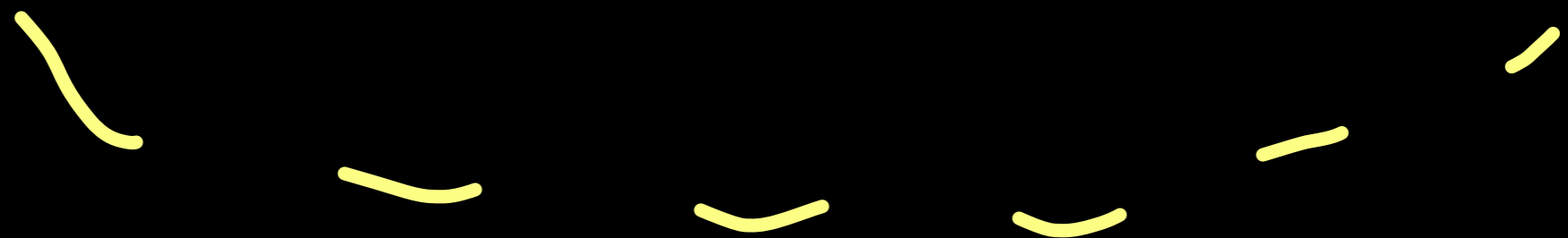
15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. 16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only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

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-7

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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Be a Resurrection Hunter

- evil has a sticky quality; it takes effort to see beyond it
- resurrections are often subtle and happen over time