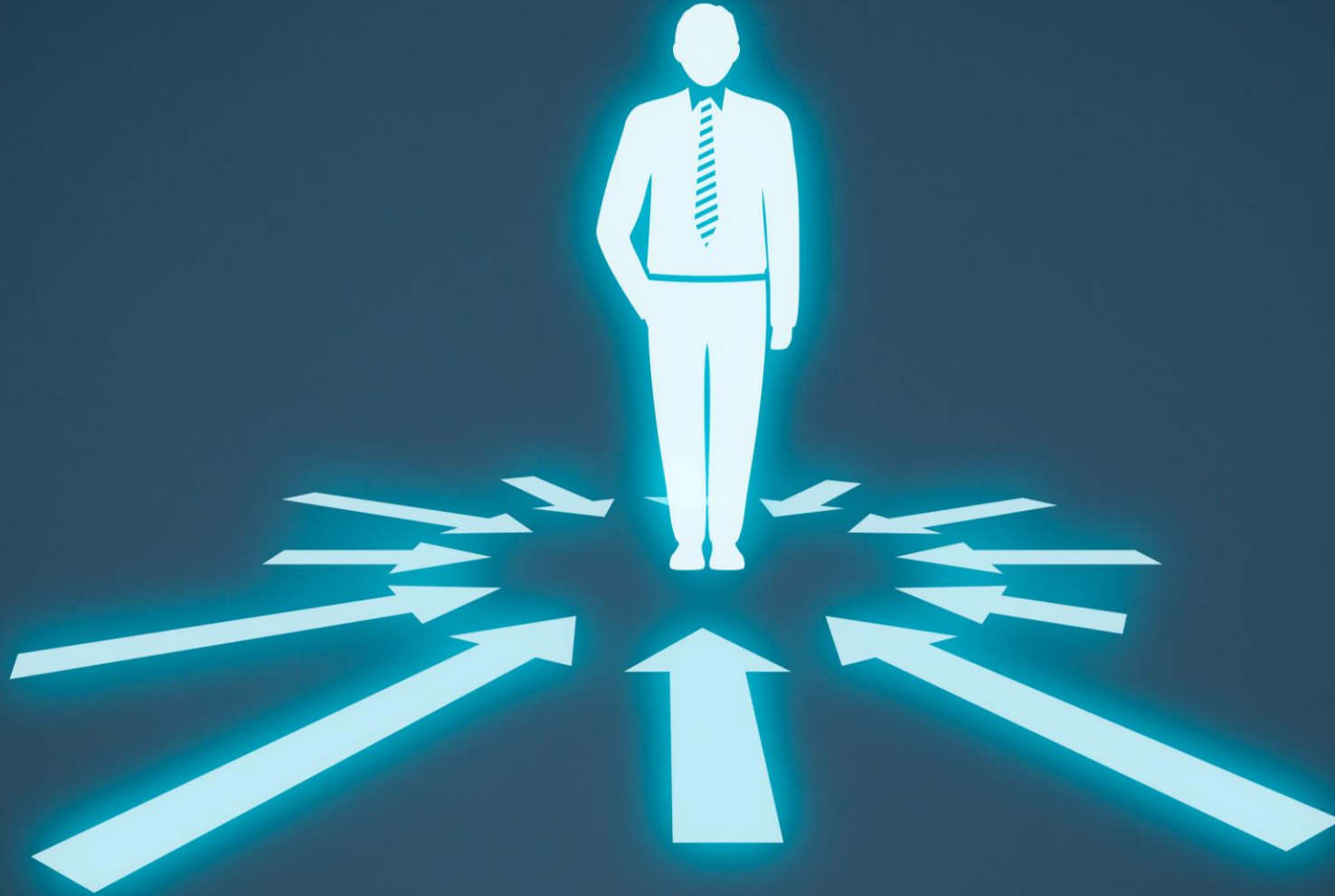


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Are you familiar with the term “narcissism”?





I get nervous starting emails with “I”



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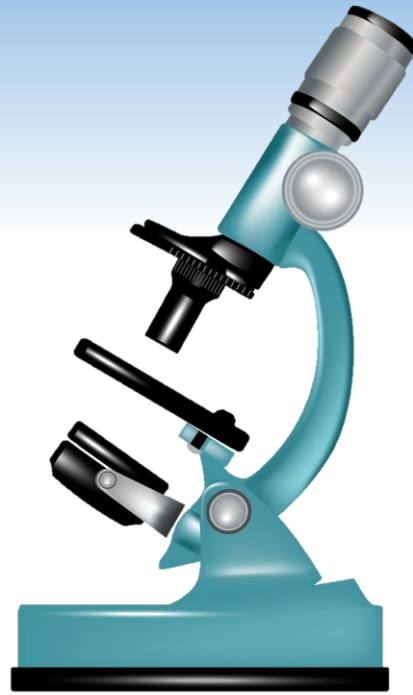
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A photograph of the ancient ruins of Philippi, featuring several tall, weathered stone columns standing amidst low stone walls and scattered debris. In the background, a steep, rocky hill rises under a clear blue sky. The scene is captured in bright daylight, highlighting the textures of the ancient stone and the surrounding landscape.

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or Die

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Dilemma

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Phil. 1:18b-19 Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance

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Phil. 1:20 ...this will turn out for my deliverance, 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.

Phil. 1:20 ...τοῦτό μοι ἀποβήσεται εἰς σωτηρίαν...κατὰ τὴν ἀποκαραδοκίαν καὶ ἐλπίδα μου, ὅτι ἐν οὐδενὶ αἰσχυνθήσομαι ἀλλ' ἐν πάσῃ παρρησίᾳ ὥς πάντοτε καὶ νῦν μεγαλυνθήσεται

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was Christ

*What gives
life meaning?*





WHAT IS
MY LIFE
PURPOSE

MAKING MONEY



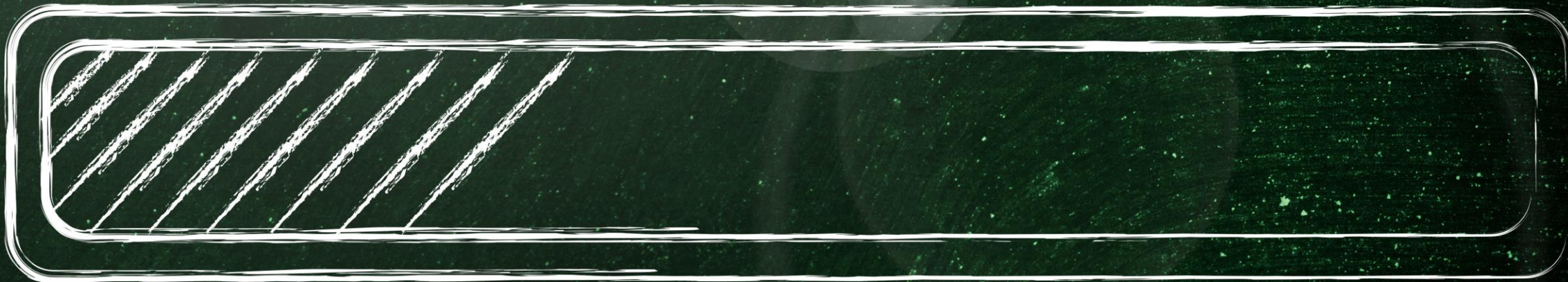
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“present”

**Stresses the process or
action of continual living**

Paul explains in detail in 3:4-10

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“aorist”

Proper b/c this is neither progressive nor repetitive

“Gain” (*kerdos* - κέρδος) is a bit unusual



Assonance

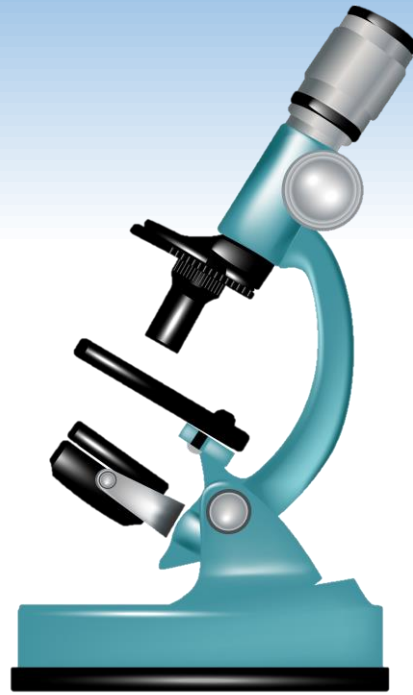
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Toe apothain kerdos



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Paul's picture makes sense,
but his Greek is mighty fuzzy!

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of Christ

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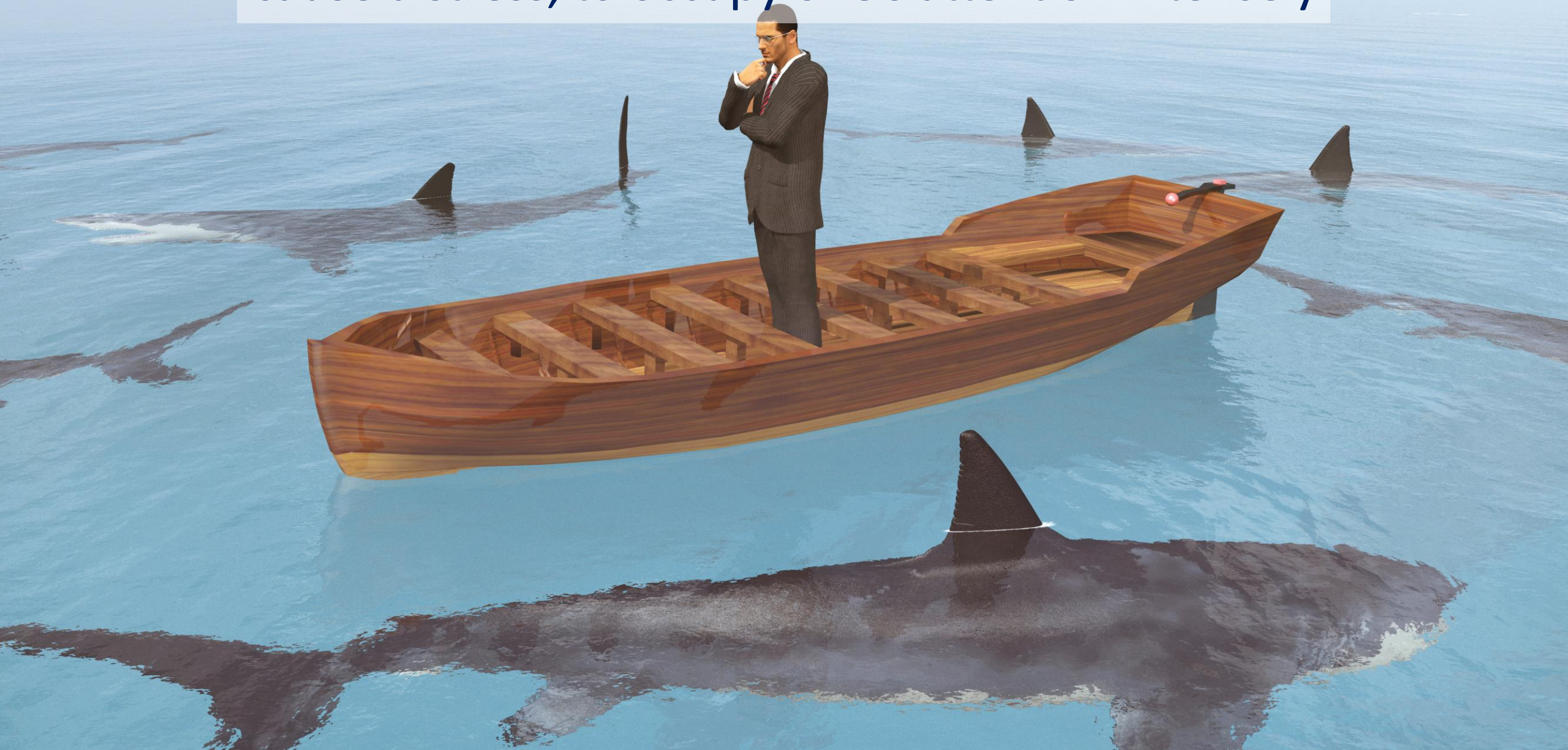
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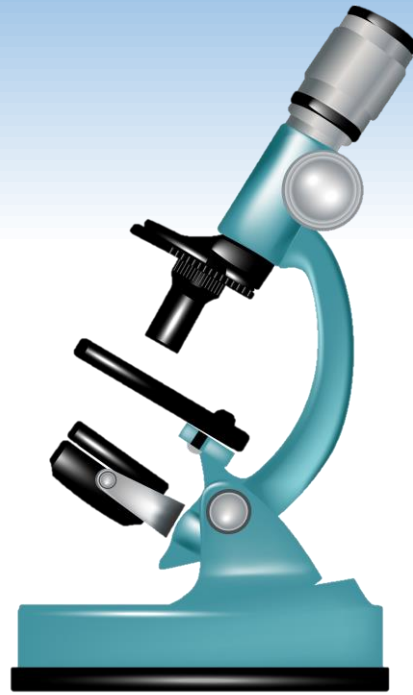
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ACTION VERBS



LIE



JUMP



PICK UP



PUT DOWN



WALK



RUN



FALL



FLY



CRAWL



CLIMB



PUSH



PULL



CATCH



THROW

Forms of Greek verbs

“Perfect”

Action fully completed with
consequences at the time of speaking

“Future”

Something that will
happen in the future

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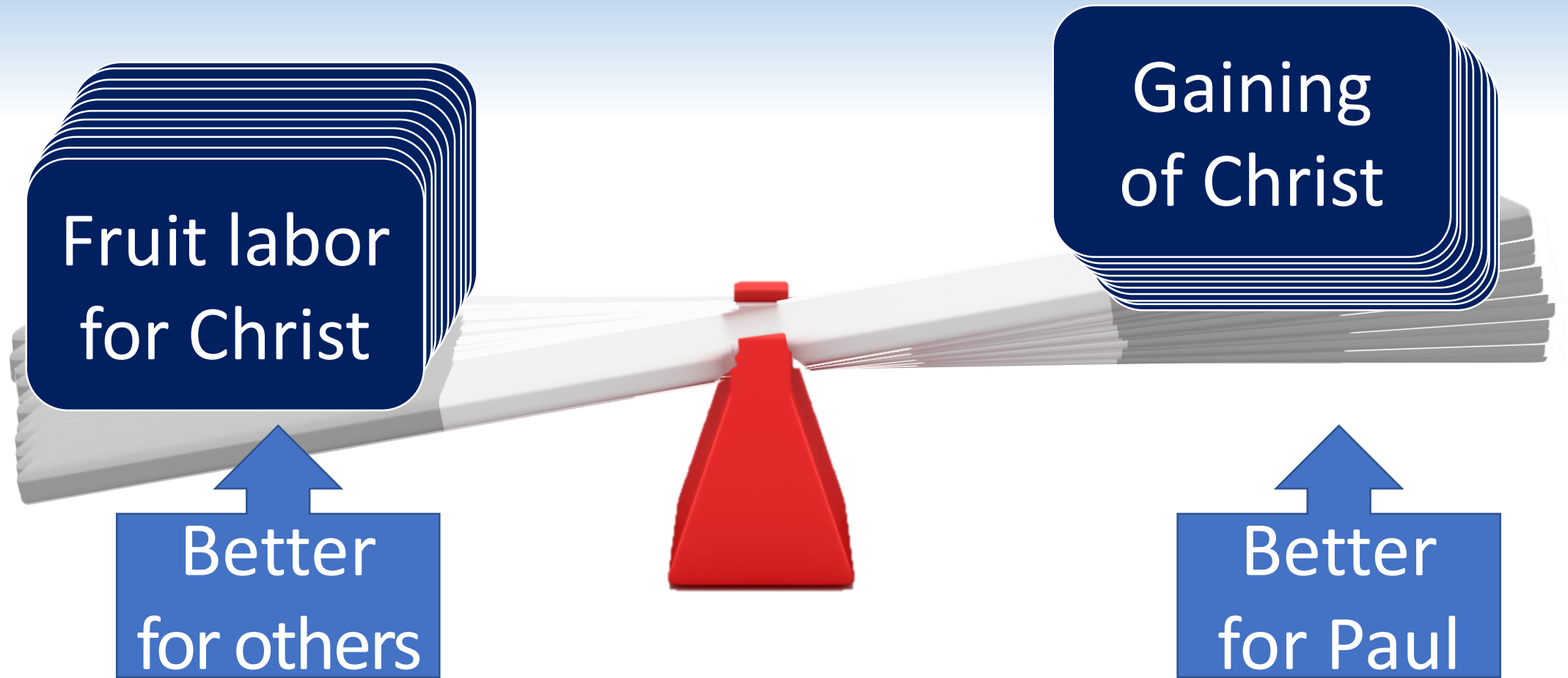


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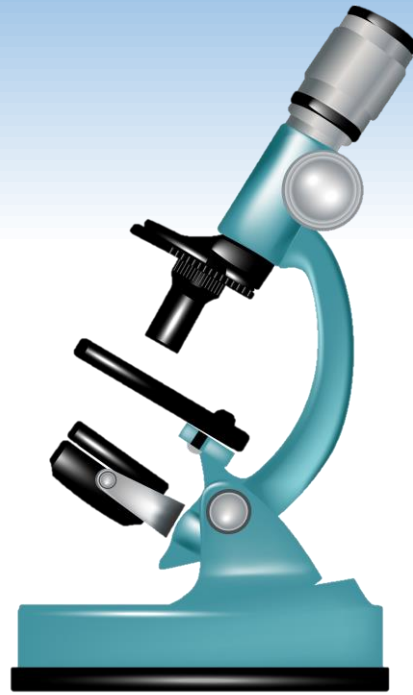


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Points to Ponder:



What drives my life?

“To live is Christ...”
(Phil. 1:21)

Points to Ponder:



Have faith in Christ!

“...to die is gain...” (Phil. 1:21)

Points to Ponder:



Live in JOY!

Jesus – Others – Self

Time for church!

