

**What does it Matter?:** Philippians 1.15-18  
[Going Deeper]

**Read Philippians 1.15-18**

Describe some ways you have seen God used to further someone's agenda or selfish ambition.

Have there been instances in which you have found yourself doing the same thing? Why?

How do we usually respond to God being used in this way?

Why is there such a strong desire to "have it all figured out?"

**Read Acts 9.1-2 and Ephesians 3.1-13**

What did Paul seem to have all figured out in Acts 9.1-2? How did Paul try to exert control and how did it affect others?

In Ephesians 3.1-13, Paul communicates a lack of control-how does this affect others?

Describe some ways that we tend to build our lives around control and avoiding risk.

What has had a greater impact on your life, moments of control or moments of mystery? Explain.

**Read Job 32.1-8**

Why is Elihu angry?

What is Elihu's point, where does true understanding come from?

How do you need to let these things shape you?