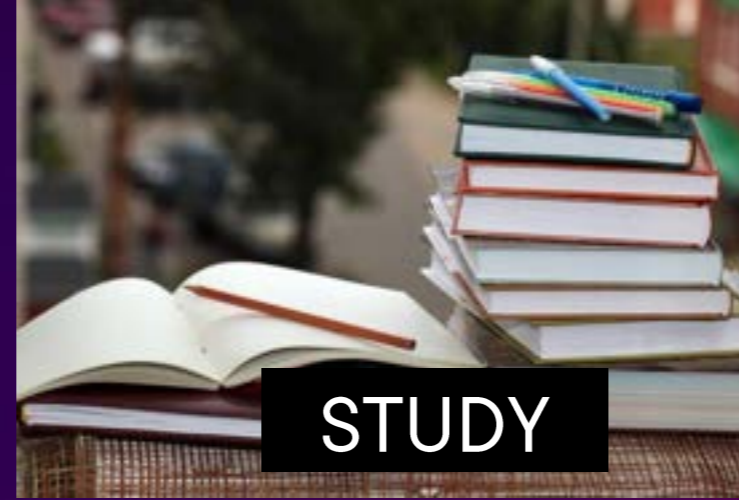


How can we be *faithful* to the end

Life is full of changes.



STUDY



WORK



WEDDING



FAMILY



RETIREMENT



GRADUATION



When it rains,
it pours.

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How do we navigate

through all these changes and transitions?



Where are you going?
What is your end point?

If we are not clear about the *end in mind*,
we can easily be overwhelmed by
the challenges of change and transition.

Don't focus on the here and now.

Fix your eyes on the end.

That will help to stabilize the here and now.

Focus on the end in mind

It will be your anchor as you navigate the challenges and changes you face.

HEBREWS 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is **set before us**,

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, **who for the joy set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained **it** or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of **it** yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11

⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss **for the sake of Christ**.

⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I **may gain Christ**

¹⁰ ... that I **may know Him** and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Knowing Jesus is Paul's end point.

Every situation in life and ministry is a stepping-stone to this ultimate passion and life goal of **knowing Jesus**.

Do you live your life like that?

What pulls
you?

What are you
drawn to?

When you have this clear true north, a clear end in mind,
you're better able to navigate all of life's transitions.



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- Don't let your present or past define you.
- Your past successes cannot guarantee success in the future.

Success in *one* area of life doesn't guarantee
success in *every* area.

APPLICATION

Be humble. Stay teachable.

Remember I have **not** obtained 'it' yet.

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PHILIPPIANS 3:13

¹³ ... forgetting what lies behind ...

- It means **letting it go**.

WHAT IS FEAR ?

False Evidence Appearing Real

- Triggered by that which is unknown.

While I may not know what the future holds,
I know **WHO** holds my future.

Focus on the **WHO**. Get to know Him.

Holding back, or refusing to let go,
doesn't stop the fact that change has already started.

But facing change helps us to move forward.

2 COMMON MYTHS ABOUT CHANGE

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2. I am too messed up to change

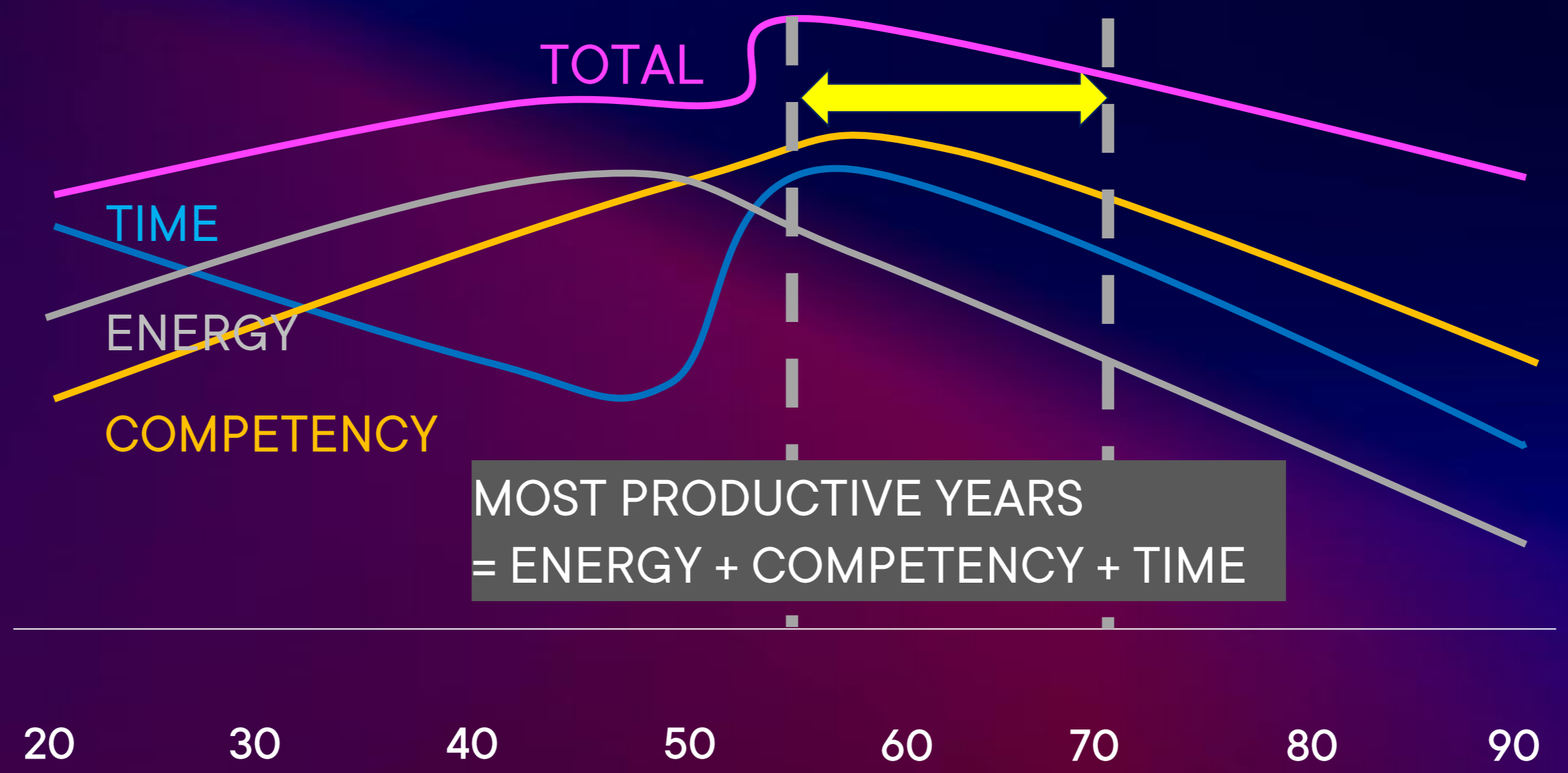
COMPETENCY – peaks at 50s.
Usually senior in the field.

ENERGY – dips fr 50s.
Depends also on medical condition.



TIME – When younger, no control
over time due to friends & bosses.

20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90



LIST OF SENIORS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

Colonel Harland Sanders (65) Kentucky Fried Chicken	Rosemary Smith (79) F1 Race Champion
Laura Ingalls Wilder (65) Screenwriter ' <i>Little House on the Prairie</i> '	Doris Self (58) Oldest video game champion
Estelle Getty (63) Actress <i>Sophia (The Golden Girls)</i>	Smoky Dawson (92) Music composer
Grandma Moses (78) Painter	Mohr Keet (96) Oldest bungee jumper
Yuichiro Miura (80) Conquered Mt Everest at 80	Harriette Thompson (91) Completed 15 marathons

<https://www.friendship.us/insights/successful-seniors#:~:text=1.became%20a%20beloved%20television%20series>

The second half of your life matters more than the first.

Be equipped to step confidently into it.

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2. I am too messed up to change

This is a lie from the devil!

Your better days are always
ahead of you.

Age	Leadership Development	
20-35	Set up	Studying & learning what you “don’t like” e.g. paperwork
30-45	Build up	Focus on what you are “good at” or “like” e.g. work with people
40-55	Take up	Time for leadership and responsibility in church or office
50-75	Ramp up	Final lap = go for that last race of your life.
80 and beyond	Pack up	Don’t leave your mess around LPA, Apology, Legacy planning, etc.

MAKE UP

When you feel you've messed up,
you can always "make up" for it
because we serve a great God
WHO can make up for the years
the locusts have eaten.

Joel 2:25

"Then I will make up to you for the years
That the swarming locust has eaten..."



These men once lived troubled lives as rioters, gangsters and offenders.



They've since been "made up" by God into Ambassadors of Hope.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Why is it so important to press on?

“Success is not final,
failure is not fatal:
it is the courage
to continue that counts.”

Winston Churchill



PHILIPPIANS 3:14

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What is the goal, the prize? What is this upward call?

Jesus must be front and centre of our life.
He is the goal, the prize, the upward call.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

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Life is never about us.

Life is always about Jesus.

Life is to know Him. Anything else is idolatry.