

# First Baptist Church – Odessa

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## “Straining for More in 2024”

2024 New Year Launch

Philippians 3:12-16 & Selected

### To Receive More in '24...

#### I. I will honestly \_\_\_\_\_ I have not arrived!

*“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect.”* Vs. 12a

- Our resurrection hope makes \_\_\_\_\_ bearable.
- Painful trials make our resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ intensify.

*“For our light and momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”*

2 Corinthians 4:17

#### II. I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ heart into loving Jesus!

*“...but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.”* Vs. 12b

*“Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.”* 2 Corinthians 4:1

*“Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”* Hebrews 12:3

*“Then Jesus told His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”* Matthew 16:24

“Paul was looking to the \_\_\_\_\_  
so he could better carry the cross!”

### III. I will run my race with single-minded \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal." Vs. 13-14a*

#### **How to Run in the "Overdrive of Forgetfulness" –**

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ the Glory of the Goal  
*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV*
- \_\_\_\_\_ a Sanctified Ambition to Achieve the Goal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Selective Amnesia and Strain Toward the Goal

#### **2024 Happy Life Motto:**

"Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ and forget the \_\_\_\_\_!"

- Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ to Avoid Spiritual Dehydration

### IV. I will course \_\_\_\_\_ throughout 2024 as God leads!

*"Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you." Vs. 15*

### V. I will \_\_\_\_\_ my namesake for His glory!

*"Only let us hold true to what we have attained." Vs. 16*