

Series: Always Finding Joy

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Scripture: Philippians 3:12-4:1

Sermon: Onward and Upward

Dig Deeper:

1. What is the difference between positional righteousness and practical righteousness?
2. What motivates Paul to press on in this chapter? How can that motivate us too?
3. Can you grow in your faith without putting in any effort? Why is this?
4. Should we forget the past? How should we deal with our dark part according to Paul here?
5. What should we do when our past keeps coming up?
6. Who are some of the great examples that you look up to? Who might be some new people you can pursue right now?
7. Who is looking up to you as an example? Could you confidently tell others to imitate you? Why or why not?
8. Who are some bad examples in your life that you should avoid?

Application:

9. What are the efforts you are currently putting into your faith? What might need to be some efforts you need to put in?
10. What are some dark things from your past that are holding you back now? Pray and ask God for help to leave that behind. Ask also for God to reveal what He wants you to see in that.
11. Seek out godly counsel to help you deal with your past.
12. Commit to a Biblical reading plan and daily discipline of prayer.
13. Find a godly person ahead of you in the race of faith and be purposeful to build stronger relationships with him or her.

For further study:

14. Read Wayne Grudem's book "Systematic Theology", particularly the chapters on justification and sanctification. What is the difference between the two?
15. Read biographies of some of the great heroes of the faith.