

Sermon Listening Guide

Title: Pursue God

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-11

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- I. Philippians 3:1-3
 - a. We don't mark our faith by the flesh (outward appearance), but by the spirit and this causes us to REJOICE IN THE LORD.
 - b. These people who mark their faith by their flesh-an outward appearance of the faith- are the ones who point to morality as an example of faith and growth.
 - c. All the while ignoring their sins before measuring themselves against other sinful people and not against Jesus and God's word.
 - d. Paul says watch out for that Kind of Faith that says look at me and follow me b/c of the things I've done.
- II. Philippians 3:4-6
 - a. Paul puts himself up against those people saying "you have reason to boast? Well, I have even more reasons to boast."
 - b. THEN PAUL SAYS WHO CARES?!
- III. Philippians 3:7
 - a. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.
- IV. Philippians 3:8-9
 - a. If you gain all these things
 - b. If you clean up your life on the outside and make it look how it is supposed to look as a Christian, but you don't have Jesus, then you've already lost!
 - c. Our goal should NOT be simply morality or someone who does what's right all the time
 - d. **LET YOUR GOAL BE GOD!**
 - e. Paul says I consider everything a loss-they are good things-they aren't evil or bad, but they are nothing compared to God...
- V. Philippians 3:10-11
 - a. You should pursue God so that
 1. I may know God
 2. I may know the power of God
 3. I may become like Christ.
- VI. Above All Else, Pursue God
 - a. We must recognize our need for God.
 - b. We have to rely on the Holy Spirit.
 - c. We have to practice Christian Discipline.
 - d. We must run to God in all circumstances.