

Press On!

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¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained."

Philippians 3:12-16

Big Idea: A Follower of Jesus risks it all to be more and more Christ like each day!

1. _____ is an aspirational goal. _____ for it!

- Perfection is "Complete in Christ Likeness."
- Be Careful if you think "you've made it!"
- Make it your own because Christ made YOU his own.

2. Lean in! Look Ahead! Move forward! _____!

- I Press On: διώκω - pursue, persecute, run after
- ²⁵ *Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."* -- 1 Corinthians 9:25
- ²¹ *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* -- 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. When we _____ differently and hold to our original confidence, we will _____ differently. We will Live for Christ!

- ¹⁴ *For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end."* -- Hebrews 3:14

Truth in Action:

- Press on, RISK IT ALL not because you have something to earn, but because Jesus Christ loves you and RISKED it all for you! And we love him enough to strive to be more like him every single day of our lives.
- Resist the temptation to treat others as if you've made it. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought.
- A biblical world view is essential to our walk with Jesus.

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

- Read Romans 3:22-24. How does this truth give us energy for the 'race' ahead?

Romans 3:22–24 “22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”

- Read the below passages of Scripture:

1 Corinthians 9:24–27 “24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

2 Timothy 4:8 “8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

1 Peter 5:4 “4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

- What imagery is being used by Paul here?
- What would be some reason that Paul compares our faith walk to a race?
- How might we take inspiration from Paul in speaking with and encouraging a new believer or a non-believer?
- Read the below passages and discuss the Upward Call of God referenced in Philippians 3:12-16

Colossians 3:1 “1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

Hebrews 3:1 “1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,”

- Read the below passages and discuss the prize referenced in Philippians 3:12-16

James 1:12 “12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

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