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- **Sanctification** - God forming us to be more and more like Christ.



**We are righteous,  
so we live righteously.**



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**God put His life in us,  
so we can live that life out.**



**We live between  
justification and glorification.**













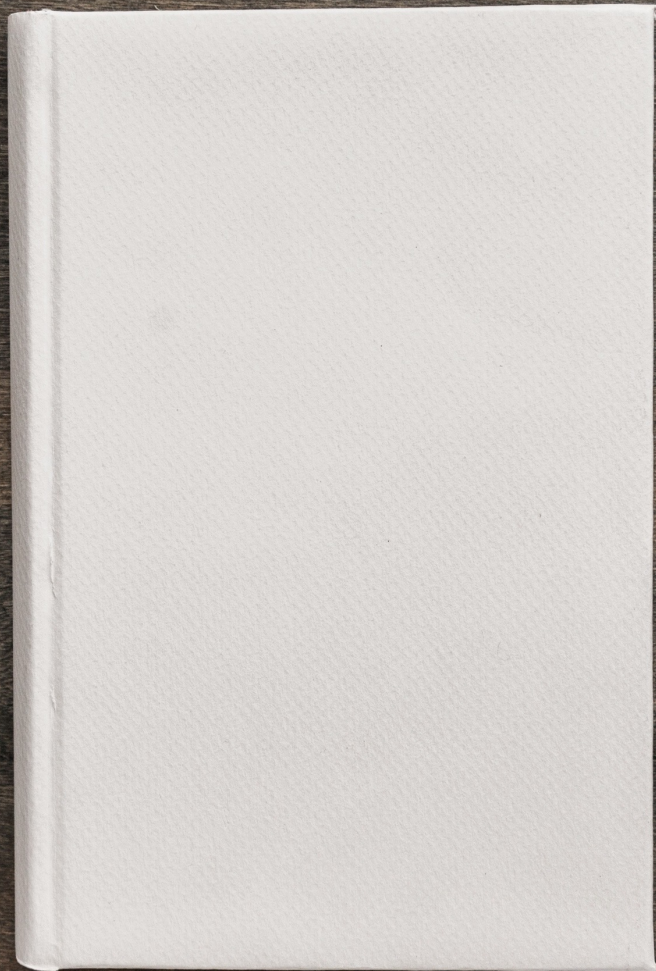














A black and white photograph of a forest floor. In the foreground, there are several tree stumps of varying sizes, some with fresh cuts. To the right, a large, hollowed-out log lies on the ground, its interior dark and empty. The ground is covered with dry leaves, twigs, and other forest debris. The overall scene suggests a state of decay or abandonment. Overlaid on the image is the text "Before Jesus, we were useless." in a bold, orange font.

**Before Jesus, we were useless.**





**Jesus takes the remnants of  
our previous life and shreds it.**





**But your story is not over.**





**God has a plan in mind.**





**Pressure will be needed  
to bring your story together**





**God has just begun  
writing your story!**



**Will you fully yield  
to God's work in your life?**



# Philippians 3

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus.



**“I’m not perfect.”**



**There are always new lessons to apply  
and new truths to understand.**



**We shouldn't expect perfection,  
but we should expect progress.**



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<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind** and **reaching forward to what lies ahead**, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



**You can't run holding both your past  
and your future at the same time.**



**Jesus died for your past.**  
**Jesus died for your shame.**  
**Jesus died for your freedom.**



# Philippians 3

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, all who are mature, let's have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that to you as well; <sup>16</sup> however, let's keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.



**The book of your life  
will be read by others.**



**Mature Christians are at peace that they  
are not perfect and are still in process.**



**Mature Christians welcome the  
pressure God applies to their lives.**



**Immature Christians are not  
at peace with their imperfection.**



**Immature Christians shift blame  
instead of taking ownership.**



**Sanctification causes our lives  
to match our words.**



A woman with blonde hair in a ponytail is running on a grassy field. She is wearing a dark t-shirt, patterned leggings, and running shoes. The background is a blurred forest. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Expert runners  
lean forward as they run.**





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