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Sermon Notes

Pressing Toward the Goal-Pt. 2 Philippians 3:15-17

¹⁵Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. ¹⁷Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

1. In verse 15 Paul says that all who are spiritually mature should be united around Christ-centered gospel. Does your spiritual life give evidence that it is centered on Christ? Do you look at things through a Christ-centered lens? For example, world and national events, your current circumstances, love for your spouse, your own sin? It is in our most unguarded moments that we really show and see who we are. What do these moments show about your spiritual attitude?

Philippians 2:5, Philippians 1:12

2. Paul says, “if you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.” This phrase is such a great picture into the heart of Paul and his trust in the sovereignty of God. Remembering that it is God who directs hearts and minds. Are you focused on faithfulness or success? Do you trust God to move the hearts and minds of others?

Proverbs 21:1, Proverbs 16:9

3. Paul says to hold on to the progress you have made. Jesus reminds us to not fall away, don’t move away from Christ. As you look back at your life, is it characterized by running to or falling away from Christ?

Romans 4:12, Galatians 5:22-23, Galatians 6:15-16, Mark 14:27, Luke 8:13-14, Lamentations 3:22-23

4. Paul says pattern your life after mine, meaning follow him as an imperfect sinner and imitate his sanctification. There are a lot of influences that we can model after, both good and bad. Who are you modeling your life after? Where have you settled into worldly advice? Review the 10 commandments, where do you risk the worldly pattern?

Genesis 16, Exodus 32, Acts 23:3, 2 Corinthians 12:7, 1 Timothy 1:15