

**SERMON SERIES:** MORE THAN HAPPY

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## Key Line

“The source of our joy is the finish line.”

## Introduction

We are in the final week of our series called More than Happy. God doesn't just want us to be happy, he wants us to have joy, which is an attitude beyond our circumstances.

## Seek the Word

Read Philippians 3:10-12

- Paul gives us a contrast of two opposing directions. One direction leads us to **life**. The other direction pulls us back and stops our momentum.
- In what way are you looking over your shoulder and hindering progress?

Read Philippians 3:14

- Eyes on the prize. What is the prize?
- What have you started and not finished?
- It's okay to get tired, but keep moving forward. How are you doing with your walk with Christ?
- Paul ends these verses with a reminder that the prize is so much bigger than the struggles we might be experiencing or have experienced.

## Talk About It

- Where are you on your journey?
- God can handle your anger, your pain, and your struggle. God is bigger than anything you face.
- Are you straining to pull yourself forward or are you being pulled back into the past?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Paul ends these verses with a reminder that the prize is so much bigger than the struggles we might be experiencing or have experienced.

*Challenge:* It's time to take the encouragement from Paul to forget what is behind and strain forward to what is ahead. The source of our joy is the finish line.