

## Starting Lines On Your Mark

*Philippians 3:12-17 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained. 17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.*

### Starting Points

I need to **follow Christ's lead**

*v. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

I need to **forget what is behind me**

*v. 13 I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind....*

**Forget** the good

*v. 15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.*

**Forget** the bad

*v. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained*

I need to **focus on what is ahead of me**

*v. 13-14 But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

**Focus** on the right **goal**

**Focus** on the right **reward**

## **Focus** on the right **person**

*v. 10-11 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

I need to **follow those who are faithful**

*v. 17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.*

I need to **finish well**

*v. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained*

## Additional Study

Monday      2 Chronicles 15:7, 2 Peter 1:5-8

Tuesday      Proverbs 3:5-6

Wednesday   Proverbs 16:9, 19:21, 21:5

Thursday      Luke 14:25-33

Friday          Hebrews 10:35-39