



I'm Pressing On!

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST!

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! **Philippians 3:10-11 NLT**

- The **mighty power** of Christ
- The **suffering** of Christ
- The **resurrection** from the dead

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¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. **Philippians 3:12-14 NLT**

- The **work of Christ for us is perfect**; however, our spiritual growth or development is not perfected yet.
- We're all **a work in progress**.
- Focusing on what is in the past often keeps us from what God has **for us now**.
- Focusing on what is in the past often keeps us from what God has **for us in the future**.
- My focus **determines my direction**.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." ⁵⁹ He said to another person, "Come, follow me." The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me

say good-bye to my family." ⁶² But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." **Luke 9:57-62 NLT**

LET'S BE MATURE.

¹⁵ Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶ But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. **Philippians 3:15-16 NLT**

How do we hold on to the progress we've made?

- Surround yourself with **other mature believers** holding on to the progress they've made.
- **We must establish good accountability.**

HOW WE LIVE REVEALS OUR HEARTS AND OUR FOCUS.

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. ¹⁸ For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control. **Philippians 3:17-21 NLT**

- **They thought that salvation comes without repentance and conversion.**
- **Do I live as an enemy of the cross or as an ambassador for Christ?**

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. **Romans 6:1-8 NLT**

Next Steps for me today...

- I want to know Christ!
- I need to change my focus.
- I will join a life group.