

WHITE HOT

LIFEgroups

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'Press On!

Philippians 3:11-4:1

Context

In Philippians 3:11-4:1 we see the Apostle Paul's inner drive to "press on" in pursuit of Jesus and His purposes for Paul's life. After walking with Jesus for 30 years by the time he writes Philippians, Paul is still "White Hot"! He has Jesus, he has had Jesus for a number of years, but to his core he wants more of Jesus. His pursuit of Christ is relentless. This passage stirs in us, the challenge of daily desiring to keep going towards the goal of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Questions for Study – Read Philippians 3:11-4:11

1. Last week Pastor Steve talked about exchanging our resume for that of God's. Explain this metaphor as it relates to the topic of "righteousness" (see Philippians 3:7-9)
2. If you had a "magic genie" in bottle and whatever you wanted to have would be granted...what would you want? What types of things would make your list?
3. Read Phil 3:10-4:1. What did the Apostle Paul long to have above all things? What was clearly the driver in his life throughout Phil 3?
4. At two different points in the text Paul writes: "I press on". Considering Paul's circumstances and his outlook how does this bring encouragement to us?
5. Paul makes a powerful statement when he says: "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead". Is there anything in your life that in a healthy way it would be good to "forget what is behind"...and move forward with what God has for you?
6. Is there anything that God and/or others have forgiven you for but yet it still hinders you moving forward in your relationship with Christ? Think about Paul's life before Christ...what could have hindered him?
7. Re-read verse 17. Who do you know that is an example to you that spurs you on in your journey with Jesus?
8. Paul says in verse 19 that their "mind is on earthly things". In your own life what "earthly things" can consume or distract from God's greater purpose for your life?
9. What is the "prize" that Paul is pressing on toward?
10. What is the main take-away for you from this text?