

rejoice [my choice.]

A SERMON SERIES ON PHILIPPIANS

PART 9

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KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

STRIVING TO KNOW JESUS

Philippians 3:12-16

Paul often compares the Christian life to a race. This week he reminds us that as long as we're still breathing, our race isn't over! None of us have arrived at the goal yet, but one day we will — so don't give up, keep your eyes on the prize!

HOW TO KEEP MY EYES ON THE PRIZE

What is the prize?

KNOWING JESUS

1. Don't dwell on the **PAST**. (v.13)

• *It can be an excuse for dropping out*

• *It can be an excuse for sin*

- *It can be an excuse for complacency*

- *It can be an excuse for idolatry*

- *What's holding **you** back???*

2. Keep Your Eyes on **JESUS** (v.13-14)

- *1 Corinthians 13:12*

- *Colossians 3:1-4*

- *Hebrews 12:1-3*

- *1 Corinthians 9:24*

- *2 Timothy 4:7-8*

3. Dwell On/Remember **GOD'S GRACE** (v.15-16)

- *Think this way... it's a CHOICE!*

- *Hold on to what you have attained!*

- *Let it define you... revel it in... it supersedes any and every other thing!*

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer. *Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.*

1. Talk about the longest race you have ever run.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. **Read Philippians 3:12-16.**
4. If you had to compare your life in Christ to a track race, where would you be right now: bleachers, warm-up area, starting blocks, pacing yourself, sprinting, second wind, nearing the finish?
5. How are you feeling about your race: content, tired, energized...?
6. Other than Christ, what are you most passionate about in life? In light of this, how do you seek to keep Christ as the single greatest passion of your life?
7. Why does Paul emphasize that he has not "arrived" yet spiritually?
8. What kinds of things should we be "forgetting" as we press on? How does this apply to your life?
9. How does your understanding of grace fuel your efforts to run hard?
10. Are you excited about God's vision for your future? Why or why not?
11. What is the ultimate goal or prize a Christian is chasing? **See Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2-3; Revelation 22:3-4**
12. How does **v. 15-16** show the need for humility, patience, and unity in the church?

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2015

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

NOTE: Due to the sensitive nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com

Personal Prayer Items