

DAILY READING PLAN

Week of November 13, 2022

No Matter What: Finish

Philippians 3:12-16



Day #1 – Read Philippians 3:12 | I admit that I haven’t yet acquired the absolute fullness that I’m pursuing, but I [press on] run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover.

In Philippians, Paul uses the image of running to inspire Christ followers to keep at it, no matter what. Why do you think Paul chose that metaphor? Does your faith journey seem more like a short run, a middle-distance run, or long marathon?

Day #2 –Read Philippians 3:13 | I don’t depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however, I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead.

What wisdom is there for you in “forgetting all of the past” in your life, and really focusing on the future?

Day #3 – Philippians 3:14| I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.

Using the imagery of a track race, where does Paul picture himself in his spiritual life? What prize is he after? How do you understand the “heavenly goal” that Paul writes about?

Day #4 –Read Philippians 3:15 | So let all who are fully mature have this same passion, and if anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, God will reveal it to them.

Paul uses the phrase “fully mature” to refer to one’s understanding of what has just come before in verses 12-14... the challenge to live into the future with hope instead of dwelling in the past. When it comes to your faith experience, are you more like a pioneer, always pushing on, or the settler, just trying to settle down?

Day #5 –Read Philippians 3:16 | And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion.

How do you understand the “victory prize” that Paul writes about? What value is there in Paul’s challenge to “advance together to reach this victory-prize?”