# One Thing for 2023 Philippians 3:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14

# "Forgetting What Lies Behind" Does Not Mean

We Forget What God Has Done In Our Lives

Ephesians 2:11-22

# "Forgetting What Lies Behind" Does Not Mean

### We Forget Sin That Needs To Be Dealt With

Matthew 5:23-24

# "Forgetting What Lies Behind"

### Don't Let The Past Hinder Your Race

## "Straining Forward To What Lies Ahead"

Straining Forward - to exert oneself to the uttermost, stretch out, strain



# "Straining Forward To What Lies Ahead"

Make Every Effort To Keep Your Eyes Looking And Feet Moving Toward The Goal

### "The Goal For The Prize Of The Upward Call Of God In Christ Jesus"

Lord Jesus Christ, Who Will Transform Our Lowly Body To Be Like His Glorious Body

### 1. Christ Is Better

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:7-8

# Christ Is Better This Is The Example Christ Left

### 2. This Is The Example Christ Left

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:4–8.

### 2. This Is The Example Christ Left

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

# Christ Is Better This Is The Example Christ Left I Am A Citizen Of Heaven

### 3. I Am A Citizen Of Heaven

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:17–21

### 1. Christ Is Better

This Is The Example Christ Left
I Am A Citizen Of Heaven
I Am Living For The Day I See Christ

### 4. I Am Living For The Day I See Christ

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Philippians 2:14–16.

### 4. I Am Living For The Day I See Christ

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:18–20

### 4. I Am Living For The Day I See Christ

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:12–15

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