

“Pressing On”

~ Philippians 3:7–14

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1) The Proper Place for the Past.

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 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 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ. *(Philippians 3:7–9a)*

2) The Proper Perspective on the Present.

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. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. *(Philippians 3:12–13a)*

3) The Proper Focus on the Future.

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. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. *(Philippians 3:12–13a)*

Text for Personal Reflection:

“¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” *(Philippians 3:13-14)*

Prayer and Reflection Questions:

- What from your past is weighing you down? Jesus invites you to lay your burdens down.
- What joys and sorrows are you experiencing in the present that need your prayers?
- What worries and anxieties about the future call out for confession and prayer?