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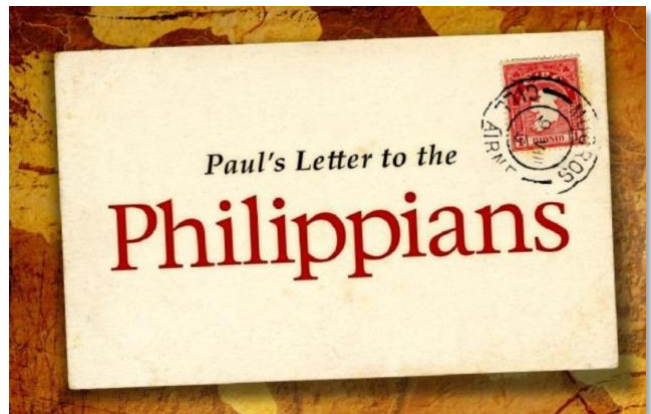
Welcome to Lincoln!  
We're glad you chose to worship with us today!

### Worship Music Selections:

I'll Follow You  
No Longer Slaves  
The Stand  
Build My Life

### Morning Prayer:

Cindy Wong



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### Coming Up:

August 3 Men's Breakfast  
August 6 National Night Out  
August 8-9 The Global Leadership Summit  
August 9-11 New Testament Seminar  
August 11 Youth & Kids Volunteer Training  
August 17 Men's Stockton Church BBQ Cook-off  
August 28 Team Kid and Jr High Wednesday Night starts up

Call or email the office for more information on these events,  
or sign up for the Weekly Update



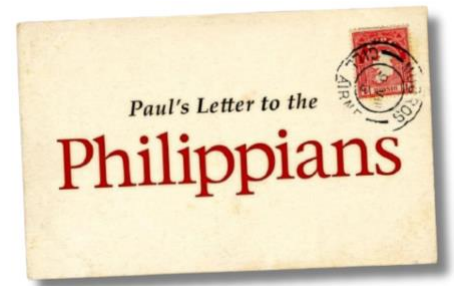
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# Leaning Into The Finish Line

Philippians 3:12-16

by Jon Hathorn



*"As Christians, I challenge you. Have great aim - have a high standard - make Jesus your ideal - make Him an ideal not merely to be admired but also to be followed"*

Eric Liddell

The biggest difference between a movie and biography is a very important phrase, "Based on a true story" – and usually our fixated question is "How much of this is true vs. How much is based on."

## Philippians 3:12-16

Let's back up to the previous verses

Paul recites all of his credentials in verses 5 and 6

- He had a HUGE LISTING IN THE PROPHET COLUMN
- Hearing the words of passion are important

Key principle for today - Paul wants very badly to forget what he used to believe in and do and live a life of faith and have the same laser focus toward the righteousness of Jesus living by faith in him.

Plateaued and already SATISFIED v. 12

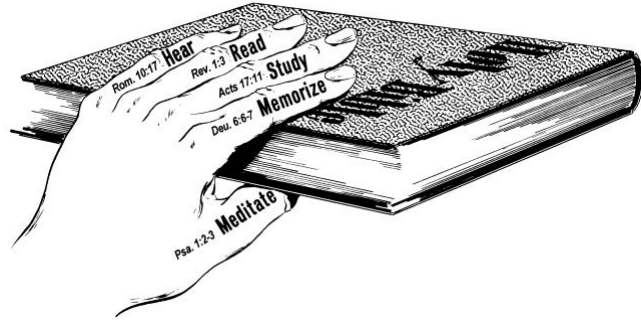
*"Not that I have already obtained all this."*

- Many people find great joy in "Going through the motions" of Christianity
  - Paul was trying to avoid the Status Quo
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## THE FIVE FINGER APPROACH TO SCRIPTURE

- Hear it
- Read it
- Study it
- Memorize it
- Meditate on it



Keep WORKING at it v. 13

*“This one thing I do...”*

Jack of all Trades Master of None

Paul wanted to hear “well done good and faithful servant”

FORGETTING what is behind v. 13

*“But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead”*

STRAINING TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD

The goal of chariot racing is not to simply lead at some point – it is to win at the finish line

DETERMINED and Resolute v. 14

*“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” v. 14*

Coaches are looking for effort

Jesus Christ deserves our best

Some people fall into one of two traps

- They try and do it all and they leave God out
  - They say to themselves – God did it and he does not expect anything from me.
  - There is a focus here on the word PRIZE
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Avoid DISQUALIFICATION v.15-16

*“All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.... let us live up to what we have already attained.”*

Maturity is a reference point to seeing things God’s way, not our way

DISQUALIFICATION is a mess

Be mature – know the rules, be consistent with what God has asked

Go back and you realize what he is really saying

- Have faith in Him more than yourself
- Abide in Him
- Trust Him and His ways more than your own

*“The time has come,” Jesus said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*

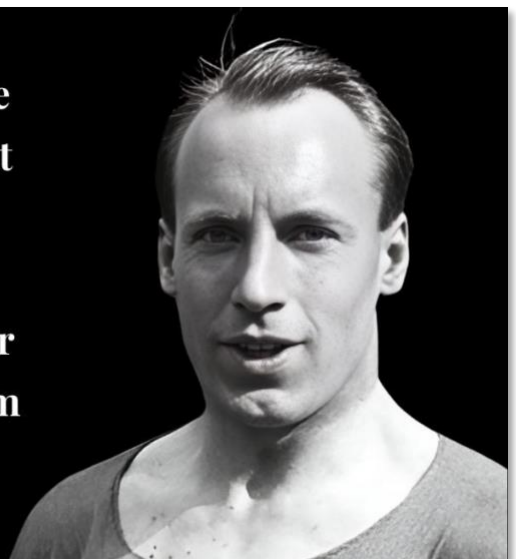
(Mark 1:15)

*“The longer I live and learn, the more I’m convinced that Jesus has no real competition, ancient or modern.”*

John Mark Cromer, Practicing the Way

**Many of us are missing something in life because we are after the second best, put before you what I have found to be the best - one who is worthy of all our devotion - Jesus Christ. He is the Saviour for the young and the old. Lord, here I am**

*Eric Liddell*



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# Weekly Announcements

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## **National Night Out:**

August 6th 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Join us for a fun night of community connection in our church parking lot. We will have various community service agencies joining us to share about the resources they have available for our community. We will also have free hot dogs, a live band, hula dancing, and some fun games out in the parking lot. Come out and meet our neighbors!



## **Global Leadership Summit:** August. 8th & 9th

An opportunity to hear from world leaders and some principles that helped shape them and their organization. For more information or to sign up contact Pastor Jon.

## **New Testament Seminar:**

3-day Seminar by Dr. Nystrom of Western Seminary. He will give an understanding of how the New Testament is put together and some key principles/application from each book as well. The seminar will help you have a better overall understanding of the New Testament and to help God's word feel more understandable.

We would love for any to join us for all or part of this free event - RSVP to [Justin@lincolnpres.org](mailto:Justin@lincolnpres.org)

## **Youth & Kids Volunteer Training:**

Right after 2nd service with lunch included.

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# UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Want to understand God's word better?  
Join us for a New Testament seminar  
with special guest Dr. David Nystrom.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 9TH, 7:00PM-8:30PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH, 9:00AM-12:00PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH, 9:30AM-10:30AM



**FREE! JUST RSVP TO  
[JUSTIN@LINCOLNPRES.ORG](mailto:JUSTIN@LINCOLNPRES.ORG)**



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## Deacon Message

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*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”*

Matthew 6:21

During the month of June, your contributions to the Deacon Fund will go toward providing financial help for students who will be attending college and/or trade school this fall, whether it be in person or online. Your generous donations make this valuable and life changing experience possible.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS:

[Click Here](#) to find the scholarship application.

The application deadline is July 31, 2024

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Dunn, chairperson of the Deacon Scholarships: [pagd49@aol.com](mailto:pagd49@aol.com)  
cell: 337-8141

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## Prayer Requests

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**Please Pray for our Weekly Prayer Families & Missionary . . .**

- *John Alvarado - Reflect Ministries*
- *Dale Ludwig - Prayers as I'm getting ready to retire and looking forward to traveling and cruising. Going alone oar as the fifth spoke isn't that much fun, but I keep on going. Enjoying life everyone.*
- *Elmo, Charito & Lisa Lopez, Roosevelt & Tambi Loyd, Betty MacRae*

**To reach the Prayer Chain;** call Terri Long, 957-3816  
or email her at [TLong54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:TLong54@sbcglobal.net)

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If you have a prayer request, you can email it to the office or [Submit a Prayer Request](#) through our website.

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## Resources available on our website:

[Connect Card / Prayer Request](#)

[Young Adult Ministry](#)

[Student Ministry activities](#)

[Kids Ministry activities](#)

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