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KNOWING JESUS: PRESSING TOWARD JESUS
PHILIPPIANS 3 – PART THREE

What have we seen thus far in Philippians 3?
→What really matters to Paul, the old man?

Phil. 3:10, I want to know him—what his resurrection power is like and what it means to share in his sufferings, thus becoming like him in his death.

→Does knowing Jesus really require scrapping the things we value in this world?

We are involved in a process of coming to know Jesus better and better—to really know Him. To know Jesus is eternal life (John 17:3). Paul connects two ideas – knowing Jesus and participating in the resurrection. He has made the connection before in Romans 6, where he connected sharing in Christ's death through baptism with resurrection.

→One other matter remains: clearly identify your "#1" – your "one thing."

Discover the one thing and life has meaning, purpose, a goal. For Paul it was knowing Jesus.

Let's see how that works out. Verses 12-14.

Here are three steps toward knowing Jesus. Three declarations that will align you with your future in Christ, overcoming overwhelming obstacles

I WILL NOT BECOME COMPLACENT WHERE I AM. None of us have arrived yet, so we must keep changing. Complacency will stall you, cause you to struggle, and silence your heart cry for God.

I WILL LET GO OF THE PAST. Many times, our future is hindered by our ties to the past. Some people drive forward by looking in the rear-view mirror. This is the shortcut to the ditch. The past is where grudges, bitterness, and unhealed wounds are anchored. They hold you back.

I WILL KEEP PRESSING ON TOWARD CHRIST. Press toward the prize, yes. But equally valid, press toward Jesus. A consistent pressing toward Jesus, knowing Jesus, is to be our aim and drive. He holds our future in his hands. When you press into him, you are experiencing your glorious future.