

Philippians 3:4-14 (ESV)

4...If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

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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

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9 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, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

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12 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. 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.

**When I look at my PAST, my
FOCUS was ME.**

His Position

- ***“circumcised on the eighth day...”***
- ***“of the people of Israel...”***
- ***“of the tribe of Benjamin...”***
- ***“a Hebrew of Hebrews”.***

His Power

- *“as to the law, a Pharisee”.*
- *“as to zeal, a persecutor of the church”.*
- *“as to righteousness under the law, blameless.”*

**When I look at my PRESENT,
my FOCUS is JESUS.**

Philippians 3:7-9 (ESV)

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For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him...

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (ESV)

24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (ESV)

26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;
27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

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28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

2 Timothy 1:12

I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

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**My FUTURE Focus is the Call of
God!**

Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV)

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.

“Press On”

- *“pursue aggressively”*
- *“follow or press hard after, literally to pursue as one does a fleeing enemy. It means to chase, harass, vex and pressure and was used for chasing down criminals. It speaks of an intensity of effort leading to a pursue with earnestness and diligence in order to obtain.”*

“ALWAYS STAND at the bow! Leave the stern with its backward look and make for the bow. To spend time in sad review of past sins and failures is not to put them to the best account. Confess them, and believe that for Christ's dear sake they are absolutely forgiven! Therefore, leave the stern with its backward look, and make for the bow. True, the sky before us may be dark with storm-clouds.



The weather-prophets say that the world is shedding its old sanctions without replacing them with better ones; that seven civilizations have already passed, and we are to see the death of the eighth. They forget that when the earth was without form and void, the Spirit of God brooded in the chaos and darkness, creating the heavens and earth."



They cannot detect the voice of the Creator saying, 'Behold, I make all things new!' Out of chaos is born the cosmos. Look out to the vast circle of the horizon, and prepare for the new lands to be explored, the wonderful discoveries that await us, the great missions hidden in the future which are waiting to be fulfilled. Never doubt that the clouds will break. Never dream that wrong will triumph. Never count yourself God-forsaken or forgotten."



Philippians 3:8-9 (ESV)

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 9 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, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...***

Philippians 4:9 (ESV)

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.