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Gospel Project Bible Study

October 23, 2022

Philippians 3

Pressing Toward the Goal

Baseball is 90% mental.

The other half is physical.

Session in a Sentence

Life in Christ is like running a race in which His people set their minds on Jesus and press on toward victory.

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What's the Point?

Point 1: Run the race without hindrances. Philippians 3:7-11

Point 2: Run the race, pressing forward toward the goal. Philippians 3:12-14

Point 3: Run the race with victory in mind. Philippians 3:15-21

A Wee Bit of Background

Philippian Church Established
Acts 16

Paul's Use of Athletic Analogies
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
1 Timothy 4:8
2 Timothy 2:5; 4:7-8
Hebrews 12:1-2*

*Yes, I'm saying Paul wrote Hebrews.

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Compare Philippians 3:7-11
and
Hebrews 12:1-2

What is it that we need
to discard –
to lay aside –
to leave behind (Phil. 3:13)
as we run our race?

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Why?

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How?

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Why?
How?
When?

Point 2:

Run the race, pressing forward toward the goal. Philippians 3:12-14

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Philippians 3:12-14

Compare Philippians 3:12-14
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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Why do we run the race?
What is the point of the race?
What do we win?

Point 3:

Run the race with victory in mind. Philippians 3:15-21

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Where is your mind set?

Point 3: Run the race with victory in mind. Philippians 3:15-21

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.
For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

~Colossians 3:1-3~

How Should We Then Live?

Because Jesus set His mind on the victory that awaited Him, we persevere, fixing our minds on Him and His victory over death and satan himself and we live accordingly.

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Acts 24-26

Preaching in All Circumstances

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