

Unbreakable Joy Through Pursuing the Right Goal!
Unbreakable Joy, Pt. 5
Philippians 3:13-16
Sunday, February 2, 2025

Philippians 3:14, *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Hebrews 12:1, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

To Pursue the Right Goal, You Must...

1. Own Your Current REALITY

Philippians 3:13, *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.*

Romans 7:19, *For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. **21** So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. **22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? **25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

1 Corinthians 9:24, *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*

2. Remember Your Past Is Your Lesson, Not Your LABEL

Philippians 3:13, *... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,*

Isaiah 43:18, *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. **19** See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

Romans 8:28, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Psalms 103:11, *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; **12** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

3. Press On to Your Future with Faith-Filled ENERGY

Philippians 3:14, *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 1:21, *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give*

up. **10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

4. Hold Firmly to the Ground You Have GAINED

Philippians 3:15, All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. **16** Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Jeremiah 33:3, 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

2 Timothy 4:7, I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.