

SERIES: NEXT STEP

Pastor: Josh Jordan

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, February 10-11, 2024

SERMON: Forget the Past and Press On

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:7-21 NIV

[7] But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

[8] What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, 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 is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

[10] I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

[11] and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

[12] Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

[13] Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

[14] I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

[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.

[17] Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

[18] For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

[19] Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

[20] But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

[21] who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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1. Our _____, our _____, our _____ is to be like Jesus.
2. We have _____ yet in our spiritual lives.
3. Take a _____ from the world and a _____ God.
4. We cannot live in our past _____ or past _____.
5. What kind of participant are you in your _____?
6. Jesus taught that _____ means to _____.
 - *Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*
7. The last step for the lost after _____ is _____.
8. The last step for followers of Jesus after _____ is _____.
 - *Psalm 37:23-24 The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.*

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Staff news

We need to let you know that Clif Smith has taken a position with First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, effective at the end of February. In this new position, Clif will work with the pastor to give direction to the minister of education and all of the education ministries.

Clif and his family came to FBC 17 years ago, soon after Hurricane Katrina. He's done a great job of helping us to organize and to lead what we now call our Connect Groups. During his time, our Connect Groups have grown to an average attendance of almost 1600. We are thankful for Clif and Elaine and their children, and we pray God's blessings upon them.

We are working in the short term to reassign Clif's responsibilities to various other pastors and administrative staff. The personnel team is aware of Clif's intentions and will be working with me to restructure the staff. We continue to be in good hands with the leadership of Bill Boren, Josh Jordan, and David Rockett as they lead groups.

I hope you will take the opportunity to thank Clif for his ministry among us.

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