

**Bible Reading:       Philippians 3:1-11**

**Questions for Reflection:**

What things could Paul claim earn him "points" with God?

What is so dangerous about putting "confidence in the flesh" and finding one's "righteousness" in the law?

What things could you claim earn you "points" with God—things like reading the Bible, being kind to strangers, or giving money to your church? With those in mind, reread why Paul would count all that as loss (vv. 7-11).

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**Bible Reading:        Philipians 3:12-14**

### **Devotional Thought:**

We press on!

That is the battle cry of our hearts as we day by day live our lives, not for our glory but His.

We let go of the past, the pain, the heartbreak, and the disappointments.

We let go of the weight that pulls us down - down into depression and down into despair - and instead we choose to live our lives in faith.

We take God at His Word. In Christ we are a new creation. We have a new start and we choose to run. We run our race for God's glory!

We press into Him on the hard days because now we do not run our races alone; Jesus has made us His own.

May we rejoice in this truth and run our races for God's glory!

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**Bible Reading:**        **Philippians 3:15-19**

### **Devotional Thought:**

As Christians, we should always live in a constant state of maturing in our faith. None of us will “arrive” until the day when we see Jesus face to face.

In the meantime, we are to actively apply what we know about God to our lives and live out His truth.

We are called to grow in Christ and to abide in Him. In doing so, day by day He works in our lives to make us more like Him.

We must not forget that God has patience with us as we grow in our faith; likewise, we should have the same patience with ourselves and with others who are also growing in their faith.

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