

“Press On”  
Philippians 3: 12-14

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1. The goal of the Christian life is to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
  - a. To know Jesus is to have a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Him.
  - b. To be like Jesus is to be like Him in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Achieving this goal is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The first step in the process is realizing that this is a \_\_\_\_\_ process that will not reach its \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion until we are \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
  - b. The second step in this process is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to forget the past and press on toward achieving the goal of knowing and being like Christ.
    - 1) Our lives are to be focused upon “\_\_\_\_\_”.
    - 2) We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the past.
      - a) Forgetting the past does not mean to \_\_\_\_\_ to remember.
      - b) To forget in the Bible means to no longer to be \_\_\_\_\_ by or \_\_\_\_\_ by. It means that we \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the past by \_\_\_\_\_ for the future.
    - 3) We \_\_\_\_\_ on toward achieving the goal of knowing and being like Jesus.
      - a) We are to live with a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ like a runner in a race.
      - b) We are not \_\_\_\_\_ with each other but rather are to \_\_\_\_\_ each other win the prize of knowing and being like Jesus.
      - c) We are to run the race in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His strength not our own.

Application Questions:

1. We have heard from three of our Pastors about their “biggest moment(s)” with God. Could one or two members of your group share their biggest moment with God?
2. What does it mean to “know” Jesus? How are you seeking to know Him more?
3. What does it mean to “be like Jesus”? How are you seeking to be more like Him?
4. How does realizing that achieving the goal of knowing and being like Jesus is a lifelong process affect how you view your spiritual growth and progress?
5. How can our past keep us from staying focused upon knowing and being like Jesus?
6. How focused are you right now in your life on knowing and being like Jesus? What steps can you take to stay focused upon this?