

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Philippians 3.12-16

WE RUN BECAUSE.....

My motivation to run must come from my Identity.

We run BECAUSE we are....

- His. (Philippians 3:12)
- Free. (Galatians 5:1)
- Forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7)
- Unconditionally loved! (Romans 8:39)
- A new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Adopted legitimate sons and daughters of God. (Ephesians 1:5)
- Chosen.(1 Peter 2:9)

Being precedes doing.

Philippians 3:12 // Philippians 2:12

FORGETTING THE PAST

In verse 13, to “forget what lies behind” means....

- To no longer care for, refuse to focus on.
- To no longer be influenced or affected by.
- To forget what causes us to NOT press on toward the Prize.

Paul is not saying....

- That we are to forget EVERYTHING that's happened in our past.

Paul is saying...

- That we are to forget what slows us down in our Christian race.

What in your past is weighting you down from pressing on?

Philippians 3:13

FOCUS AND PRESS ON

It doesn't matter how accurate you are if you are aiming at the wrong goal.

At this moment, or in this season of life what has you captivated? What are your eyes fixed on?

“As we gaze on Christ, the mind is informed,
and the heart is inflamed, and the body begins to line up.”
- Matt Chandler

Philippians 2:14-16 // 1 Corinthians 9:24-27// Proverbs 3:5-6 // Proverbs 4:25-27//
Hebrews 12:1-2// Psalms 27:4 // Isaiah 40:26-31



NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Philippians 3.1-11 Part 2: We'll be looking at what it means to live by faith, and the difference between depending on our own strength and righteousness versus trusting in Christ and how to be fueled by faith.

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 4:25-27

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the PrayerMate App, available on both iOS and Android phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our 2 Year Bible Reading Plan.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, is there anyone who can recite the week's memory verse?

Read **Philippians 3:12-16**. What impacted you the most from this Scripture or from Sunday's message? _____

Re-read **Philippians 3:12**. Then read **Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 1:3-14, Romans 8:31-39, 2 Corinthians 5:17** and **1 Peter 2:9**. Explain in your own words how the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ has motivated you to press on and run the Christian race? In other words, you run *because*? _____

What in your past bogs you down in the present Christian race? _____

What is currently captivating your eyes? A good way to identify what is captivating or grabbing your full attention is by evaluating what you spend most of your time and money on? What do you think about the most? _____

What is the Prize that Paul is referring to in **verse 14**? Read **Philippians 3:7-8** from last week for a hint. Although we have been given the gift of salvation, how can we attain this reward? **Psalms 27:4, Proverbs 4:25-27** and **Hebrews 12:1-2**. _____

End group and your personal study time with prayer. Pray using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. First, **Preach** the Gospel, reminding yourself of the Gospel verses you read earlier. Confess and **Repent** of any sin blocking you from being completely captivated by Christ. Then **Ask** for the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper to continue increasing your desire to know Christ. Ask Him to help you turn to prayer, the Word and your Gospel-centered friendships more. Lastly, **Yield**, with thanksgiving.



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**Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
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