

Message Outline

"I Press On..."

Philippians 3:14



Intro: VBS WEEK!!!

- Baseball and the Bible series to resume next week...

Read: Philippians 3:12-14

v.12—We've not arrived yet...more to strive for!

- Christ's "hold" helps us to "hold" (v.12b).

v.13-14—Theme verse for VBS...

- Imagery of a race...
- Often used this passage to preach on "THE prize"...today on "press on"...

The Christian Pursuit

1) "Pressing on" takes P _____

- No one lands in Olympics without prepping their skill...
- Our walk with God doesn't come natural...we are "sinful" not "skillful" from the start (cf. Ps. 51:5).
- Learning to run with God takes intentional/disciplined practice!

2) "Pressing on" onward P _____

- The Christian journey is in front of us...
- Danger in running when we look back or look over our shoulder...run your race!
- "windshields are bigger than your rearview mirror for a reason...live forward!"

3) "Pressing on" includes P _____

- "straining" reminds us following Jesus ain't easy!
- Olympic 4-year path paved with adversity...how much more an eternal path?!!
- "No pain, no gain!"

4) "Pressing on" for the P _____

- The only enduring prize (cf. 1Cor.9:24-25).
- The One who won so we can win...

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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.

