



THE JOURNEY! (Part 4)

Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Supporting Scripture:

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

HOW DOES THIS TENSION AFFECT OUR JOURNEY?

1. Causes us to _____ on the _____ thing.

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

Don't focus on a _____ you _____ with, focus on _____ of _____ in your faith in Christ.

HOW DOES THIS TENSION AFFECT OUR JOURNEY?

2. Causes us to _____ for something _____.

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Don't let your _____ success become your _____ goal.

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS TENSION IN OUR JOURNEY?

1. Realize the _____ for _____ in our worship.

Genesis 22:5

And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

Worship calls on us to _____ ourselves to God in obedience and sacrifice.

His faith _____ him to go worship when his flesh was saying _____.

HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS TENSION IN OUR JOURNEY?

2. Abraham demonstrates the _____ of _____ that helps us choose to _____ God.

We find out that faith, trust, and courage must be at work in our journey:

- Faith knows you can do it.
- Trust means you are doing it.
- Courage means you won't give up!

POINT 2 Continued:

As Abraham did, we must choose to:

_____ farther than we would normally _____.

_____ higher than we would normally _____.

_____ more than we would normally _____.

Philippians 3:7-11

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS TENSION IN OUR JOURNEY?

3. Be _____ in your _____ to press on in Christ.

Philippians 3:12

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Philippians 3:14

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Conclusion:

This Scripture is instructing us to press toward the goal—the goal of faithfulness to Christ—so we may express the image of God He created us for!

Reflection:

1. Is the tension you feel pushing you back?

2. What will you do to push past the tension?