This One Thing

Greg Kline · Philippians 3:2–14

INTRODUCTION

- Examine not just do I attend services, but truly am I devoted to him no matter what?
- That is the Christian mission statement. We are pressing on. We are seeking to take the prize to answer the call that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Put No Confidence in the Flesh

Philippians 3:2–6; Acts 8:1–3

- We are the circumcision who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.
- At what point on the list does being a Christian come? If that's not on the tip of our tongues, it shows that it's not in the middle of our hearts.
- If anyone could care about his pedigree, about his resume, it was Paul.
- I wonder if we have even close to what Paul's effort level was for Judaism here in verse 6. If we have that type of enthusiasm for Christ.

2 Count All Things as Rubbish

Philippians 3:7–8

- But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- But can I ask, would we give up everything? If it meant that's what God required?
- What did a Jew give up to become a Christian? Everything.

3 Moses Chose to Be Mistreated With the People of God

Hebrews 11:23–28

- Choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
- He was willing to not just give up something great in this life, he was willing to take on suffering.
- What have I given up to become a Christian?
- There's a big difference between doing good things, trusting in God when everything's working, and choosing to be mistreated.

4 That I May Share His Sufferings

Philippians 3:9–11; Galatians 2:20; Luke 9:23–26

- That I may know him in the power of his resurrection and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

- No, it can, it will, it must involve suffering. Jesus' ways do not run with culture.
- When Jesus lived righteously, evil, vile, sinful man hated him for it. And it will be no different with us.
- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
- Giving is not measured by what you surrender to Christ, but by what you withhold.

5 Straining Forward to What Lies Ahead

Philippians 3:12–15; Hebrews 12:1–4

- But one thing I do. Forgetting what lies behind. Straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- If you live righteously in a world full of unrighteousness, you will be targeted.
- But perhaps the reason we don't face this persecution is because we are camouflaged.
- There is no camouflage in Christianity. There is only a willingness to strain forward, knowing it is difficult, that the journey will be hard and long. But it's worth it.

6 Consider Your Ways

Haggai 1:2–11

- Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins? Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, consider your ways.
- That is what living life without Jesus is like. It's striving after the wind.
- Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.
- There's evangelism to be done. There's people to be helped. There is love to be shown.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What choice will I make? Will you consider these things this morning in this week? Every day consider. Am I dwelling in a paneled house? Or am I serving the house of the Lord?**

MY NOTES