

THE GOAL

March 1, 2020 Philippians 3:7-14

Have you seen the movie “Chariots of Fire?” A race was lost when the runner looked back. Think of what happened to Lot’s wife. **“Forgetting what is behind and straining to what is ahead, I press toward the goal...”** Phil. 3:13-14 How?

1. What is the goal? The goal is Christ Jesus himself

- “...I consider everything a loss compared to knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”
- “I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him...”
- “I want to know (by experience) Christ...” 3:10
- What is your goal(s) in life? What gives your life meaning & purpose?
- How can you know Jesus yourself? What is your faith story?
- Do you know the power of his resurrection? 3:10
- Do you know the fellowship of sharing his sufferings? 3:10
- You are not perfect, so press on. 3:12

2. Forgetting what is behind

- “But one thing I do...” 3:13 The one thing is the most important thing.
- Like Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus. Luke 10:41-42
- What do you need to forget?
- What do you need to remember?
- “Straining toward what is ahead.” 3:13 The best is yet to come.
- If the goal is Jesus, what is the prize? 3:14, 3:20-21, 2 Timothy 4:6-8