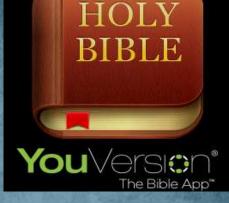


Scripture



Look for our event!

Philippians 3:8-16

The Great Pursuit

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I. The Great Pursuit: **Know Christ Above All Things - Vs. 8** Psalm 36:8-9 -He gives us to drink of the river of His delights, for with God is the fountain of life.

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II. The Path to Intimacy A. Reject Your Rags - Vs. 4-8 Isaiah 64:6 -We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

II. The Path to Intimacy B. Accept His Robe - Vs. 9-11 II Corinthians 5:21 -For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

II. The Path to Intimacy C. Leave Your Baggage Behind - Vs. 13 **Romans 8:1 -**There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

II. The Path to Intimacy D. Run Like the Wind - Vs. 12-14 **Ps. 27:4** -One thing I have asked of the Lord, one thing will I seek- to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord.

II. The Path to Intimacy D. Run Like the Wind - Vs. 12-14 Matt. 11:12 -The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, but forceful men take it by storm.

III. Means to One End A. Go Forward on Your Knees B. Eat This Book! **C.** Learn from the Masters

"Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfold, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul." ~J.I. Packer, "Knowing God"

III. Means to One End D. Never Run Alone Hebrews 3:12-13 -Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

III. Means to One End E. No Pain No Gain - Vs. 10 Rom. 8:16-17 -The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

III. Means to One End E. No Pain No Gain - Vs. 10 Rev. 3:15-16 -I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.