Devotion Info

- No Looking Back -

DAY 1: Read Philippians 3:12-21

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[15] Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. [16] But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

[17] Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. [18] For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. [20] But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. [21] He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Philippians 3: 12-21 NLT

- How does remembering you are heaven-bound change how you perceive your temporary trials on earth?

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Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

- What makes believing you've "already attained" dangerous?
- How has God been working on you recently?

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DAY 3: Read Philippians 3:12-14, Matthew 11:28-30

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[28] Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."
Matthew 11:28-30

- How does Christ's humility for your sake inspire you to humble yourself?
- What benefits have you experienced when you humbled yourself before God (Matthew 11:28-30)?
- Do you invite God to shape you daily?

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Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

- What is the difference between letting the past shape you and letting it define you?
- How has God enabled you to learn from the past without staying there?

DAY 5: Read Philippians 3:20-21

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- How does knowing your future —an eternity spent with Jesus—influence how you spend your time in the present?

Application:

- How is this series in Philippians impacting the practical way you live each day?
- How can you pray for one another as you walk through the struggle of the climb you are experiencing.

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