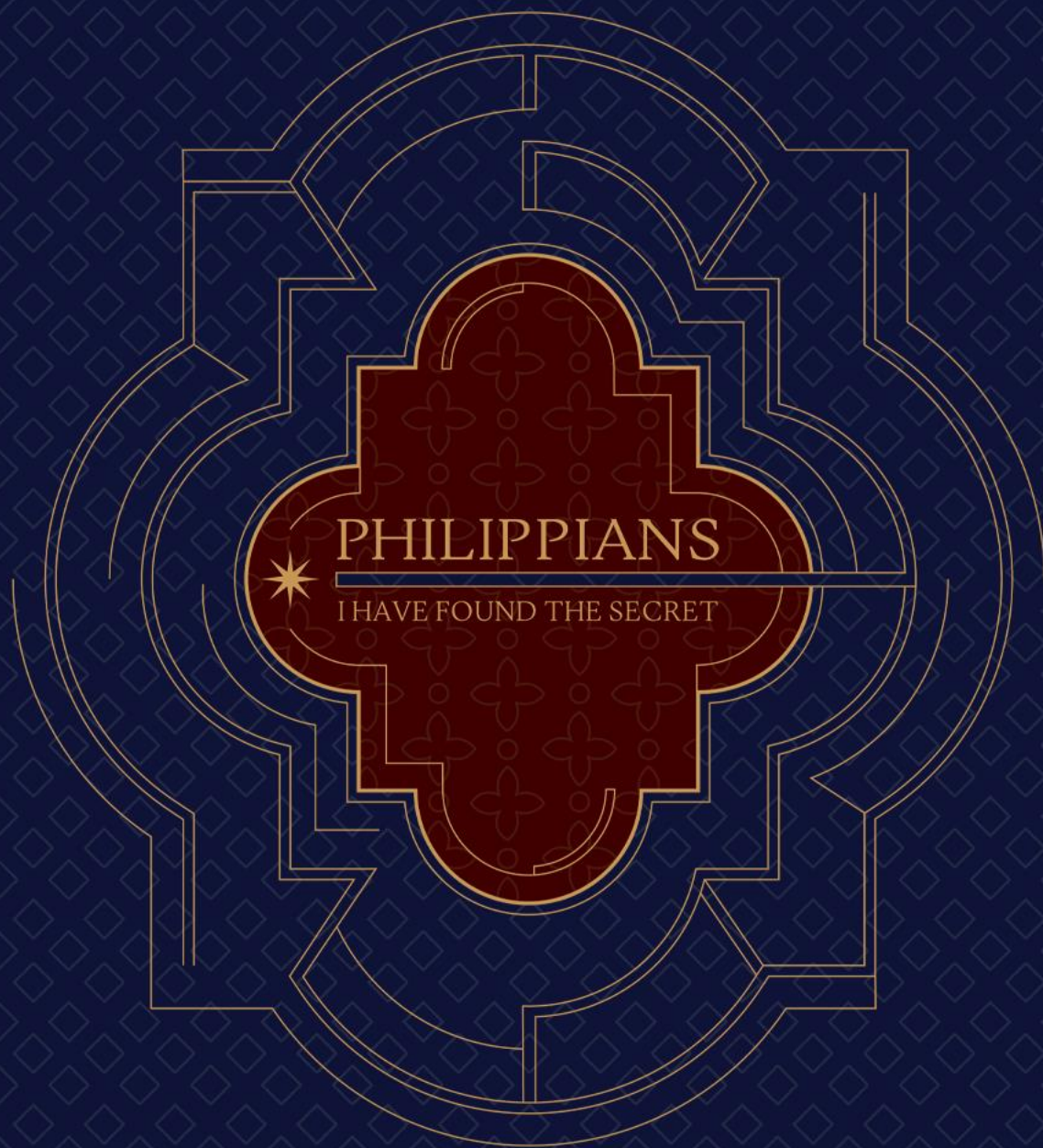




# PRESS ON!

Philippians 3:12-4:1



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I count all things to be loss . . . (v. 10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.





# Philippians 3:8-16 (page 981)

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.





# G. Walter Hansen

“[Paul] is running hard after Christ with his heart wide open to receive Christ because Christ has already received him and arrested him by his love.”





# Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will  
remember their sins no more.





## 2 Kings 20:19

Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah,

“The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?”





# Men of God Who Failed in Old Age

1. **Noah** (Drunkenness, exposure)
2. **Abraham** (Presumption to fulfill God's promise himself)
3. **Moses** (Didn't treat God as holy before the Israelites)
4. **Gideon** (After great victory, he made an idol)
5. **Jephthah** (Tried to make a deal with God, costing his daughter's life)





# Men of God Who failed in Old Age

6. **King Saul** (Consulted a medium)
7. **King David** (Sinful census, trusting in military might)
8. **King Solomon** (Multiplied gold, horses, foreign wives, and pagan idols)
9. **King Rehoboam** (Endless wars for not setting his heart to seek God)
10. **King Asa** (Reliance on Aram, and pride in seeking the physicians but not the Lord)





# Men of God Who failed in Old Age

11. **King Jehoshaphat** (Allied himself with the king of Israel)
12. **King Amaziah** (Took idols of Seir and worshipped them)
13. **King Uzziah** (When he became strong, in pride he entered the temple and burned incense on the altar)
14. **King Hezekiah** (In pride he gave no return for healing, and showed off his wealth)
15. **King Josiah** (Failed to inquire of the Lord - died)





# G. Walter Hansen

“[Paul] is able to move exuberantly into the future because he decisively throws away the burdens of the past. Forgetting is not a passive loss of memory; no, **it is an active, continuous discipline of the mind and heart.**”

Although he did not actually forget the past, he emphatically chose to disregard it. He forcefully rejected it. He openly declared a non-observance of his past achievements.”





# John Piper

“[I have] a longing, not to be a domesticated, comfort-seeking, entertainment-addicted, prosperity-loving, security-craving, approval-desiring Christian.

I want to have real, spiritual, other-worldly power on my life. I want to have stunningly, counter-cultural, other-worldly hope driving this engine.”





# Hosea 6:3

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.





# Philippians 3:15

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For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.





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# Pliny the Younger, 111 A.D.

“...they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god, and to bind themselves by oath, not to do some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so. When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to assemble again to partake of food — but ordinary and innocent food.”





# Ephesians 5:13

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,  
for anything that becomes visible is light.





# 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.





# Timothy Keller

## *The Search for Achievement*

“The believer is someone who God looks at, and you are his pleasure. You are his beauty. He looks at you and sees a diamond. He looks at you and sees a work of art. He looks at you and his own heart is filled with delight.”





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# Psalm 17:14

Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, from men by your hand, O Lord, from men of the world whose portion is in this life.

You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants.





# Philippians 3:20-4:1

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.





# Ephesians 2:6

[God] raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,





# Colossians 3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.





# C.S. Lewis

“If you think of this world as a place simply intended for your happiness, you find it quite intolerable.

Think of it as a place for training and correction, and it's not so bad.”

