

A Life to Die For

Part 10: Perseverance

Philippians 3:12-14

Launch

What is your most impressive athletic accomplishment?

Explore

Read the passage

Paul says, “not that I have already attained it...” What is the “it” he is referring to? (See vs 10)

Some people argue that if you are assured eternal life, there is no more motivation to persevere in a life of serving Christ. Yet here Paul indicates that his motivation to persevere is just because “Christ Jesus has made me his own.” How does this work? Why would the assurance of belonging to Christ motivate him to “strain forward” toward heaven?

Why might Paul consider it a mark of maturity to recognize your own imperfection?

Apply

Paul acknowledged several of his imperfections: his knowledge was incomplete, his character was unformed, and his purpose was unfinished. Which of these do you find most relatable? Why?

In order to run the race, Paul says that we must both ignore the past and focus on the goal. What about your past do you need to ignore? What things distract you from focusing on the goal?

We can't just work harder and try to run the race in our own power. **Read Philippians 2:13.** How might this be the key to running God's race? How can you experience this in your life?

Pray

Pray through this passage together and personalize it.