

Sermon Series by Pastor Dirk Rodgers

STILL STANDING:

Finding Strength through the Storm



Today's Topic: Obedience

Philippians 3:7-14

Sunday, February 27, 2022

1. New _____

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them _____, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...." Philippians 3:7-9a (NIV, 2011)

2. New _____

"...[N]ot having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through _____—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:9b-11 (NIV, 2011)

3. New _____

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to _____ for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps: One more chance to obey!

Discussion Questions:

1. List some the voices in our lives that try to influence what we want in this life? Are any of these voices more convincing than others? Why or why not?
2. Read Philippians 3:7-8. What sorts of things might Paul have once valued but now he regards as “garbage”?
3. What do we truly want in our lives? How do we know that we want this more than anything else?
4. Read Philippians 3:9-11. Now that Paul wants Christ more than anything or anyone else, what sorts of things will he spend his time doing?
5. Read Philippians 3:12-14. For what has Christ taken hold of Paul? What was His purpose?
6. Why has Christ taken hold of you? Do you want that for yourself? If so, what must change in how we spend our time?
7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?