

Title: Keep it Moving

Text: Philippians 3:12-21

Target: Don't let the life Christ has for you pass you by because you were looking in the wrong direction.

1. **Pursue Christ Relentlessly:** *"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."*
(Vs. 12)
 - a. **Far from Perfection:** *"already perfect"*
 - b. **For sure His Possession:** *"made me his own"*
2. **Prioritize What Matters Spiritually:** *"...But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,"* (Vs. 13)
 - a. **Your Past doesn't Define you:** *"forgetting what lies behind"*
 - b. **Your Purpose should Drive you:** *"strain forward"*
 - i. **Know the Goal:** *"I press on toward the goal..."* (Vs. 14a)
 - ii. **Know the Prize:** *"for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*
(Vs. 14b)
3. **Pattern your Life Intentionally:** *"Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us."* (Vs. 17)
 - a. **Follow those who follow Christ:** *"keep your eyes on those..."* (Vs 17b)
 - b. **Learn from those who fall away from Christ:** *"their end is destruction"* (Vs. 19)
 - i. **Controlled by their Appetites:** *"their god is their belly"* (Vs. 19a)
 - ii. **Compromise for Acceptance:** *"and they glory in their shame"* (Vs. 19b)
 - iii. **Consumed by Ambition:** *"with minds set on earthly things."* (Vs, 19c)
4. **Prepare for your Savior Expectantly:** *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,"* (Vs. 20)
 - a. **Assurance of your Salvation:** *"citizenship is in heaven"*
 - b. **Guarantee of your Transformation:** *"who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,"* (Vs. 21)
 - c. **Reminder of your Authorization:** *"by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."* (Vs. 21b)

Takeaway: Grace found you where you were, but it refuses to leave you there.