Title: Never a Boring Testimony
Text: Philippians 3:4-14

Target: Your testimony is the story of your past colliding with your future leading you to make a decision for the present. This decision is to understand that everything you thought brought you gain was loss, and what you thought was a loss in Jesus was the ultimate gain. (Jesus + 0 = Everything)

Paul’s Testimony is shared from two perspectives: Accountant and an Athlete!

I. Perspective of an Accountant: Takes Inventory

A. My Past: My Loss

Noble Birth: Affirmation (Vs. 5)
- Circumcised on the 8th day: Distinct mark of Jewish nation
- Of the Nation of Israel: Not a convert to Judaism.
- Tribe of Benjamin: Youngest son of Jacob.

Noble Belief: Accolades (Vs. 6)
- Pharisee: To be separate and expert in the law.
- Persecutor of the Church: Zealous to end Christianity.
- Blameless: Obedient to the Law

B. My Present: My Gain

New Birth: Assurance (Vs. 7-8)
- Change in Purpose: “Sake of Christ” (7)
- Change in Pursuit: “Knowing Christ” (8)
- Change in Passion: “Gain Christ” (8)

New Belief: Acceptance (Vs. 9-11)
- Imputed Righteousness: “found in Him” (9)
- Intimate Relationship: “know Him” (10)

II. Prerequisite of an Athlete: Takes Initiative

- Proper Awareness: “not...obtained...or am already perfect” (12)
- Persistent Effort: “press on” (12)
- Pointed Concentration: “forgetting what lies behind” (13)
- Pure Motivation: “prize...the upward call of God”
**Take Away:** Live your life every day TAKING INVENTORY of what is truly lasting GAIN and TAKE INITIATIVE to make your life count!