

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 3

DAY 15

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 14 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 3:1-3 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- After reading verses 1-3, why do you think Paul was again motivating his readers to **rejoice in the Lord?** (V.1)
- List some ways the world has tried to draw you into thinking there must be more to achieving salvation than by believing and following Jesus Christ.
- Why do you think self-boasting is antithetical to true spirituality?

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some more questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

DIGGING DEEPER (Optional)

- In Biblical history, a Judaizer was one who lived according to Jewish customs and often taught new Gentile believers that salvation was by grace, plus conforming to the Mosaic Law, of which circumcision played a big role. Read Acts 15:1-9; Romans 11:6; Galatians 2:16, 21; 5:1 to understand the contrast between the Truth about Salvation by grace or by grace + something else. (V. 2)
- What does mean to you as a follower of Jesus to be **the circumcision?** (v. 3)
- Describe in your own words what worshipping **by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus** mean to you. (V. 3)
- What do you see are the differences between being successful in using your God-given abilities and putting no confidence in the flesh? (V. 3)
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?

