

# Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

## WEEK 4

### DAY 16

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for the weekend with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 3:4-9 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Mainstream society has its own boasting built around beauty, brains, brawn and bucks. What are some examples you have observed?
- How have you tripped over yourself by boasting in what you have, what you do, or have done to make yourself look good to others or even God?
- Read verses 7 and 8 again. Why do you think Paul considered his earthly accomplishments as **loss** or **rubbish** in contrast to knowing Jesus?

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)

- Notice that in verses 5-6, Paul describes his pedigree, his position, his works/achievements and his conscience. Why do you think this self-description is often a common perspective for anyone who is religious but does not know Jesus personally?
- In your own words contrast Paul's view of himself in light of his relationship with Jesus Christ before and after his Damascus Road experience. (See Acts 9:1-22; 22:3-5; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; Titus 3:3-4)
- What does a **surpassing worth** (or value) of knowing Jesus mean to you personally? (V. 8)
- What do you believe is the difference between right living according to your ways versus according to God? (V. 9)
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?

