

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 4

DAY 17

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 16 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 3:10-11 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- What do you understand is the difference between knowing about your favorite sports or movie hero and being a friend of that athlete or movie star? (V. 10 on **knowing** Jesus)
- Why do you think the cross of Christ and His resurrection are central to knowing Him?
- The ultimate transformation (V. 11) will be when Christ's followers will be resurrected to be in His presence forever. How do you feel about that? How does this impact how you want to live?

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)

- What do the following references say about how you can **know** Jesus: Romans 5:8; 10:9; 1 Peter 2:24; John 1:12; 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9.
- As you can see from Philippians and from these other references, knowing Jesus is about a dynamic relationship with Him. How do you personally cultivate your personal relationship with Jesus in order to truly know him?
- **Becoming like Him in His death** (V. 10) refers to the life-long process of dying to self. What does this mean to you? (See John 3:3-7; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; Mark 8:34-38)
- In what ways do you understand that suffering for Christ's sake leads to being glorified with Him, the final goal of gaining Christ? (See Romans 8:17, 23).
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?