

PULPIT CURRICULUM

LAST 30 LEAVES - NEXT 30 BRINGS Philippians 3:1-16

Significant events in life call for reflection. Some things we need to leave behind. Some things we need to take with us - these things will never change.

1. REVIEW

Last week you discussed the longest time you've ever spent in one place. What made that difficult? What made it worthwhile?

Read Philippians 3:10-16. From the example of Paul in these verses, Pastor James described five things we're never giving up. What are the five things that will never change?

Which of the five things have you seen most clearly during your time in our church? How have you seen it lived out?

2. ASSESS

Significant events in life call for reflection. As you take account of the way in which you've lived your life, how urgently have you been straining and pressing forward in your faith and obedience to Christ in the last year?

When you look ahead to the next year, which of these 5 things do you need to focus on carrying with greater urgency and consistency?

3. APPLY

How will you respond to this challenge? What practical step will you take to grow starting this week?

In prayer, we acknowledge our inability to finish the race in our own strength. Partner up with another person to pray - specifically for growth and that you would press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

NEXT 30 BRINGS:

1A) CHRIST FOCUS vv. 3, 10 - 11

2A) TRUE HUMILITY vv. 12 - 14

3A) CONSTANT URGENCY vv. 12 - 14

4A) MATURITY = LOVE vv. 15

5A) HOLD TRUE vv. 16

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Psalm 73:25

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ 1 Corinthians 9:24

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ James 4:6

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ Hebrews 3:1

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Ephesians 4:15 - 16

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Essentials of Growing in Christ" class starting soon at your campus.