

GROW IN THE WORD

Paul continued to explain his singular passion in life: to know Christ, to experience his power, and to share in his suffering and sacrifice (v. 10-11).

- What did Paul mean when he wrote that he wanted to know "the power of his resurrection"? See Romans 6:4-7; Ephesians 1:18-20; Colossians 1:10-12.
- How would sharing in Jesus' suffering lead to knowing him more deeply?
- Did Paul doubt that he would be resurrected from the dead in verse 11? If not, what did he mean? See Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 2 Peter 1:10-11; Hebrews 11:35.

Paul explained that he had not yet reached his goal of knowing and following Jesus perfectly. He described his zeal to continue pursuing the upward call of following Christ no matter his stage of life (v. 12-14).

- How would you describe what Paul is striving to obtain or "lay hold of" in these verses? In other words, what is the "prize of the upward call of God"?
- Why does Paul need to forget "what lies behind" in order to continue pursuing Christ? In what ways can you relate to Paul's mindset in verse 13?
- What do you need to put behind you in order to pursue Christ more wholeheartedly?

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- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians/>

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- <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-philippians/>

PHILIPPIANS: A COMMENTARY BY THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free, downloadable commentary of the entire book of Philippians. This commentary offers background material and a section-by-section commentary of the entire book.

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/philippians/>

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- https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19

LIFE LESSONS FROM PHILIPPIANS: GUIDE TO JOY BY MAX LUCADO

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- https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18