

Living with Our Imperfections

Philippians 3:7-14

When we live in close, constant relationship with Jesus Christ, we become aware of how imperfect we are compared to Him. How do we find stability through all our imperfections? Let's follow the example set by the Apostle Paul.

Whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him (Philippians 3:7-8, NASB)

Turn loose of your past life and the things you used to consider important. Turn loose of them every day. Jesus Christ is your new identity, your new future, your new goal. Focus completely on Him.

...not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:9-11, NASB)

Turn loose of your own worthiness. You cannot make yourself perfect. Living a holy life and pleasing God flow from trusting Jesus step by step.

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14, NASB)

No, you are not yet perfect. But Jesus Christ began this new life in you, and He will perfect you in His way and time as You trust and follow Him (Philippians 1:6). He is your daily strength, your goal, your future. Focus on Him! Through all your imperfections, continue to press ahead toward Him!

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