STAYING FOCUSED ON KNOWING CHRIST
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Philippians 3:7-11

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

1. HE WANTED TO KNOW CHRIST _____.
"What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ. V.8

Paul says that the greatest thing that ever happened to him was to know Christ. The greatest thing that is going to happen to him during his lifetime is to know Christ better.

How do we get to know someone intimately?:

A. _____
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6
As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for the living God. Psalm 42:1, 2

B. _____
Then Jesus told his disciples a parable that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1

"People who are strangers to **<u>prayer</u>** are strangers to **<u>power</u>**." Billy Sunday

C. _____
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths Straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

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2. HE WANTED TO EXPERIENCE HIS _____.
"*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection." v.11*

3. HE WANTED TO SHARE IN HIS _____.
"*I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings**…"** v.11*

I Peter 4:12,13 *Dear friends do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.*

4. HE WANTED TO BE LIKE HIM IN HIS _____.
"…becoming like him in His death." *v.11*

Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:11-14

5. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO BEING _____.
"*and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." v.11*

Helpful Website for freedom

- Covenant Eyes
- The forty-day challenge: *learn.covenanteyes.com/porn-free-challenge/*
- **40** short daily lessons, walking participants through biblical principles into freedom.