

Sunday, 01-29-2023

Stand Firm

Bible Background: Philippians 3:12-4:1
Printed Text: Philippians 3:12-16 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Matthew 25:14-29

Aim for Change:

1. **BECOME** familiar with what Paul says about living as it relates to eternity with Jesus Christ
 2. **APPRECIATE** that the journey of Christian living and a quest for something eternal are demanding experiences.
 3. **PLEDGE** to stand firm in Jesus Christ
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Devotional Reading: Wednesday – Be Trustworthy – Matthew 25:14-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 John 2:28-29

1. How did the *master* divide up his goods to his servants? (v. 15)
 2. What did the servants do with what their *master* gave them?
 3. What have “**you**” done with the talents God gave you?
 4. Have they been multiplied or hidden?
 5. Will Jesus say, well done, good and faithful servant, or thou wicked and slothful servant?
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Focal Verses: Sunday – Hold Fast – Philippians 3:12-16

- **Pressing toward the Goal (vv. 12-14) – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 12:14-29; 1 John 1:5-10; Revelation 2:8-11**
 1. After receiving Christ, what reality should govern our lifestyle?
 2. What three (3) things does Paul do to stay focused on the race ahead?
 3. How can you get rid of distractions so you can focus on God’s word?
 4. What were you called to do for God in the body?
 5. How well are you training for the race?
- **Putting Commitment to the Goal into Practice (vv. 15-16) – Hosea 6:1-3; 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Galatians 3:1-6; 5:5-10; Ephesians 1:17-23**
 1. Why did Paul use the term perfecting instead of mature?
 2. How can we be more likeminded within the body of Christ?
 3. Are you *progressing* or *regressing* in Christ?

Note – *Bold/Italicized*** scripture(s) are added scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class**

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