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Our _____ not our _____ determine our _____

Philippians 3:5-6 circumcised the eighth day; of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; regarding the law, a Pharisee;
⁶ regarding zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:7-9 But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith.

Philippians 3:10-11 My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead

Philippians 3:12-14 Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴ I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

Be _____ about your current _____

_____ the past without being _____ by it
one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind.

_____ the _____ with _____

Philippians 3:15-17 Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. ¹⁶ In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained. ¹⁷ Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful attention to those who live according to the example you have in us.

GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. Paul considered everything else "loss" compared to knowing Jesus. What competing priorities, achievements, or desires can most easily become more important to you than knowing Christ?
3. *"Our decisions, not our desires, determine our destination."* What decisions are you currently making that reveal what you truly value?
4. Paul was honest about his current position and admitted, *"I haven't arrived."* Where do you need to be more honest with yourself about your spiritual life, relationships, attitudes, or obedience?
5. What part of your past—whether a failure, success, tradition, or experience—might be controlling your present instead of helping you move toward what God has next?
6. Paul said he was *"reaching forward"* and *"pursuing"* his goal. What practical step could you take this week to intentionally pursue knowing Jesus more deeply?
7. Paul said, *"We should live up to whatever truth we have attained."* What truth has God already shown you that you now need to put into practice?