

A Shared Pursuit (Philippians 3:12-4:1)

Premature celebrations...

The race isn't over yet!

To make sure we finish well, Paul has 3 directives for us

1. Don't slack off, press on toward the goal (v12-14)

Our coach, Paul -- How does he regard himself?

What do you make of that?

The map & the land

One key sign of Christian maturity

The danger of thinking we've arrived

How do we press on?

Forget what is behind

The danger of inflation & deflation
Press on, because there's a prize waiting for you!

The logic

“People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith.” – D.A Carson

2. Don't run alone, run with the mature (v15-19)

Verse 17: “Join together...keep your eyes on those who live as we do.”

Find mature, godly running buddies!

How do you identify them?

Be aware of there are those you *shouldn't* run with too!

Two kinds of mature running buddies: p_____ & p_____.

Is there someone you can be a good running buddy to?

3. Don't forget the finish, get excited about heaven (v20-21)

Citizenship in heaven

When we are home

...so get excited!