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Don't Waste Your Life

Lesson Three • Philippians 3:10-11

Living a Christ-Centered Life

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The all-consuming passion of the life that counts for God's glory is living a CHRIST-CENTERED life.

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:10-11

A Christ-Centered Life

1. Wants to KNOW the Person of Christ!

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Philippians 3:8

That I may know Him... Philippians 3:10

2. Wants to EXPERIENCE the Power of Christ!

And what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places. Ephesians 1:19-20

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:1-6

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11

3. Wants to **SHARE** the Sufferings of Christ!

Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. Acts 14:22

For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake. Philippians 1:29

Sharing Christ's Sufferings

What can steel our resolve to face and embrace the sufferings of Christ, when our natural instinct is to pull away from what brings pain?

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

4. Wants to ATTAIN the Resurrection of Christ!

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20-21

Challenge: Make Paul's Passion Your Prayer

Heavenly Father, I want my life to count for Your glory. To that end, "may I know Christ and the power of His resurrection, and may I share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."