

With Our Eyes on the Prize

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PHILIPPIANS *Transcendent Joy*



WARM UP

What pumpkin-related activities or foods have you enjoyed this fall?

COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracelamp.org/calendar)

Thanksgiving Care Packages Help out by donating food items (by November 17), nominating a care package recipient online, transporting food (November 12), sorting/packing food (November 13–20), or delivering care packages to recipients (November 21). To download a shopping list, sign up as a volunteer, or nominate a recipient, visit [GracePolaris.org/Thanksgiving](https://gracelamp.org/Thanksgiving) or text “Thanksgiving” to 614-888-7733.

Family Photo Fundraiser Sunday, November 14 • 9:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m. • MC North Lobby • To sign up for a time slot for \$25, visit [GracePolaris.org/Photo](https://gracelamp.org/Photo) or text “Photo” to 614-888-7733.

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service Sunday, November 21 • 10:00 a.m. • WC Auditorium & Online

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you’re praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 What concepts resonated with you from the sermon?
- 2 How does 3:9 help explain 3:12–14, helping us avoid concluding that we’re saved through our works (striving) and also helping us see the importance of following hard after Jesus?
- 3 Would you describe Paul’s description of his own striving more as “duty” or “delight?” Why does this distinction matter?
- 4 What from your past or present hinders you from pressing on toward the goal (3:13,14)? What steps can you take to overcome those hinderances?
- 5 Why is it vital in “running” the Christian life to have examples and mentors (3:17)? Who are yours? Who would say that of you?
- 6 Contrast the realities and outcomes of those whose minds are on earthly things and those whose minds are on their heavenly citizenship (3:19,20). What practical things help us focus our minds on heavenly things (Colossians 3:1–4)?
- 7 How does the promise of a transformed body impact your present perspective and change your priorities? How do you need to live more intentionally this week?

PRAY

Pray that God would help you see more clearly and live more intentionally in pursuit of the heavenly prize.