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Philippians 3:12-21

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-21

15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

Philippians 3:12-21

18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

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21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

A Moment Worth Waiting For



Philippians 3:12-21

- I don't have it yet...
- I press on...
- Forgetting what lies behind...
- Reach forward to what lies ahead...
- Press on toward the goal, for the prize...
- Live by the same standard (truth)...
- Join others in following the righteous example...
- Warning of walking like the unrighteous/enemies of the cross...

Philippians 3:12-21

- Vs 20 – know and remember who you are in Christ...
- Vs 21 – know and remember what Christ will do to and for you (reward).

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

Psalm 42

1 As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living
God; When shall I come and appear
before God?

3 My tears have been my food day and
night, While they say to me all day long,
"Where is your God?"

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

Psalm 42

4 These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, With the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

5 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence.

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

Psalm 42

6 O my God, my soul is in despair within me; Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan And the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; All Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.

8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; And His song will be with me in the night, A prayer to the God of my life.

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

Psalm 42

9 I will say to God my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

10 As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

Psalm 42

11 Why are you in despair, O my soul?
And why have you become disturbed
within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet
praise Him, The help of my countenance
and my God.

“Why are you in despair my soul?”

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death works in us, but life in you.

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

“We may feel that we are: afflicted in everyway, perplexed, persecuted, struck down, carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus, feel like we are constantly being handed over to death in some capacity...” BUT...

☐ Moments Worth Striving For/Believing In:

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

“We are not crushed, abandoned, destroyed, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh”

“For all things are for your sakes, so that grace, having spread to more and more people, will cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God!”

☐ Moments Worth Sacrificing For:

Romans 8:18-25

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

☐ Moments Worth Sacrificing For:

Romans 8:18-25

21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

☐ Moments Worth Sacrificing For:

Romans 8:18-25

23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

A Moment Worth Sacrificing For



☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

1 Timothy 6:12-16

12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

1 Timothy 6:12-16

14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

1 Timothy 6:12-16

16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

2Timothy 4:5-8

5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

2Timothy 4:5-8

8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

2Timothy 4:5-8

“Fight the good fight, take hold of the eternal life, keep the commandment, use self-restraint, endure, do the work, fulfill your ministry.”

So, you too, fight the good fight, finish the course, keep the faith! Because in the future there is reserved for you the crown of righteousness which the Lord will award to the faithful on that great day!

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

☐ Moments Worth Fighting/Living For:

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.**



A Moment Worth Fighting For

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

John 16:16-22

16 "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me."

17 Some of His disciples then said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

John 16:16-22

18 So they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about."

19 Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

John 16:16-22

20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.

21 "Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

☐ **A Moment Worth Waiting For:**

John 16:16-22

22 "Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

John 16:16-22

22 "Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

There are so many encouraging words, but in the end, you must make the decision, you must take the step, you must sacrifice, you must fight the good fight and live for Jesus!

☐ **A Moment Worth Waiting For:**

- Through our struggles we continually...

❖ **Learn**

- We are not alone.
- Our trials and tribulations are producing something amazing in us...faith and trust.
- We can do this!

☐ **A Moment Worth Waiting For:**

- Through our struggles we continually...

❖ Learn, **Remember**

- God's love for us.
- God's presence in our lives. He's at work in you (Phil 2:13).
- God's promises/hope.

□ **A Moment Worth Waiting For:**

- Through our struggles we continually...

❖ Learn, Remember, **Grow in Faith.**

- We endure (endurance).
- We persevere (perseverance).
- Become perfect lacking in nothing.

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear And will trust in the LORD.

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

4 How blessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count.

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

6 Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; Behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, You know.

10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

11 You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.

12 For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, And my heart has failed me.

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
Make haste, O LORD, to help me.

14 Let those be ashamed and humiliated
together Who seek my life to destroy it;
Let those be turned back and dishonored
Who delight in my hurt.

15 Let those be appalled because of
their shame Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

□ A Moment Worth Waiting For:

Psalm 40

16 Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let those who love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

17 Since I am afflicted and needy, Let the Lord be mindful of me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

Obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Hear the Gospel - Rom 10:17

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:16

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned.

Repent of Sins - Luke 13:3

I tell you nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Confess Christ - Matthew 10:32

Whosoever, therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven.

Be Baptized for Remission of Sins - Acts 2:38

Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.