



10-Minute Bible Lesson

Humble-bragging

Philippians 3:1-11

Before watching the video: What do you already know about Paul's letter to the Philippians? What verses or passages from it might you know already? What are you most curious about regarding this letter?

Now read the passage twice. Take time to notice every sentence and phrase. What stands out to you?

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard. ²Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh—⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. – ***Philippians 3:1-11***

After watching the video: Paul brings up his past to make a point about how he views them in light of having a new life in Christ. He considers following Jesus and trusting in the promise of resurrection more important than personal accomplishment. How might parts of your life change if you saw them in the same way?

Can you think of a time when you required someone else to earn your acceptance? What were the circumstances? Was it truly needed, or was it based on your own prejudices or assumptions? What ended up happening?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with “amen.”