

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SERMON NOTES**  
**January 21, 2024**

**Moving Forward**

***Philippians 3:12–14 ESV***

<sup>12</sup> *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

What we need to pursue the best life God has for us right now, is faithfulness.

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***Hebrews 12:1 HCSB***

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us,*

**How do you measure success in your life? How does God measure it?**

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***1 Corinthians 9:25 NIV***

<sup>25</sup> *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*

\_\_\_\_\_ brings a crown that lasts forever, but earthly success does not.

**Let's Build Faithfulness**

1. We need \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 12)

2. We need \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 13)

To move forward, we must let go of the past.

Friends, Christ didn't die for you to live in the past and what you once were, He died to give you a new life!

ref [2 Cor 5:17](#), [1 Peter 1:3](#)

3. We need \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 14)

diōkō (pursue): We can understand this word to mean to move forward even in suffering or hardship toward the prize Jesus Christ.

***James 1:2–3 (HCSB)***

<sup>2</sup> *Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*

***John 16:33 NIV***

<sup>33</sup> *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*