

Philippians 3:12-4:1 Looking...

**1. Look Up v1**

1. Focus, not on your circumstances, but on our Lord.
2. Set your minds on things above! Look to Jesus.

**2. Look Back v1b**

1. Remember.
2. Keep going back to the basics and recalling and remembering.

**3. Look Out v2**

1. Look out for false teachers
2. Specifically Paul is referring to the Jews...the law wielders.

**4. Look In v3-11**

To one of two things.

1. To Your own works
2. Or to Jesus' work
3. But it can't be both!

**5. Look Ahead v12-16**

Not that I have already attained this...what is this?

1. Know Him
2. And the Power of His Resurrection
3. And the Fellowship of His Sufferings
4. In order to obtain the resurrection

In this effort, he said there is one thing he does...it is like 2 sides of one coin.

1. Forgetting what is behind
2. Straining to what is ahead.

*1 Cor 9:24-27 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.*

## 6. Look Around v17-19

1. Keep your eyes on those who walk....Hebrews 11
2. Biographies...
2. Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*

## 7. Look Forward 20-21

1. To heaven..to eternity

Hebrews 11:8-10 *By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*
2. To Jesus...the one who makes heaven, heaven
3. To a new body
  - a. You can live in this mortal body better if you are anticipating an immortal body
  - b. You can live in the midst of corruption if you are anticipating putting on incorruption

## 8. Look Down 4:1

1. Look down at where Your feet are planted...are you standing firm.
2. Matthew 7:24-29
3. Build on the rock!
4. Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
5. This is absolutely crucial...to trust and obey

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

## Home Group Discussion Questions

1. Take some time to review the sermon notes from Sunday.
  2. Was there anything from this sermon that was difficult to understand or that didn't make sense to you? Discuss it with the group.
  3. What do you believe was the most impactful part of the sermon Sunday? Discuss
  4. How do you plan to apply this to your life? For example, "In response to this sermon, I will \_\_\_\_\_"
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