



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Your destination will be determined by your direction, not your desire

Proverbs 4:26 (NKJV) Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.

B. The drift, the current and the flow

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NKJV) And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

II. LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING

A. Look where you're going ... not where you've been

Philippians 3:12 (NLT) I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

B. What are you focused on?

- **Paul's focus**

Philippians 3:13 (NLT) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

C. The human dilemma

- **Whoever controls the past will control the future ...**

Psalms 38:4 (NIV) My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.

Romans 7:18-19 (NLT) And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

Romans 8:2 (NKJV) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

D. God's answer to the human dilemma

Psalms 103:10-12 (NIV) he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

- **Whoever controls the past will control the future ... and whoever controls the present controls the past**



III. THE DRIFT THE CURRENT AND THE FLOW

- A. You can't drift if there's no current
- There is a current in this life
 - It's easy to drift

Philippians 3:14 (NLT) I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:16-17 (NLT) But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

Acts 20:24 (NKJV) But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

- B. It's worth it

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, (what's your focus?) the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.