

In Philippians 3:1-11, we learned that the greatest joy isn't found in ourselves, in what we are able to accomplish or acquire, and it isn't even found in what we gain from following Jesus. The greatest joy is found in knowing Christ himself.

But we are still very much "on the journey" and the apostle Paul encourages us to "join in _____ him" as he emphasizes, "I've not yet arrived at my destination, but I'm not turning around."

The joy of pressing on

- My _____: "Christ Jesus has made me his own" (3:12b, 16)
- My _____: "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own" (3:12a)
- My _____: "One thing I do," the way mature disciples think (3:13-15):
  - Forgetting what lies _____
  - Straining forward to what lies _____
  - I _____ _____ toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus
- My traveling _____: "keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us" (3:17)
- My _____: "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior" (3:20)

Christ Jesus is already the true Lord of the world and the trajectory of my "_____" through his world will orient me in relation to him. My journey has an "_____" that will be defined by my _____, my _____, and the setting of my _____. Joy isn't found in acting as if I've already arrived. As a disciple, joy is found in pressing on toward the _____ who has already made me his own.