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Freedom Through Surrender: Suffering

Philippians 3:8-14

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Phillipians 3:8-9

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Phillipians 3:10-11

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Phillipians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lies our heart tells when we suffer

- It’s all about you
  - Our testimony inside and outside the body of Christ matters
- You are alone
  - Christ is with you and He understands 1 Peter 5:9, 1 Cor 13
- It will never end
  - Dave’s sermon last week
- It’s meaningless
  - God’s purposes are perfect (James 1)
- God doesn’t care
  - He understand our pain completely
- Take any way out you can find
  - Press on!

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various
trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces
patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that
you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.