

## 12.31.17 Talk It Over

Read Philippians 3:7-14

Paul let us in on his goals for spiritual maturity.

TO KNOW CHRIST  
TO HAVE HIS POWER COURSING THROUGH ME  
TO EMBRACE SUFFERING

- What are your goals for 2018?
- Get real honest and talk about the motives behind those goals.  
Are they self-motivated or motivated by bringing glory to God?
- Talk about what it would look like to know and be known by God.
- What ways have you experienced suffering, struggle or loss?
- Talk about a time in your life when you experienced good coming from bad.

Paul also tells us how he plans to accomplish his goals:

FORGET THE PAST  
STRAIN TOWARD THE FUTURE  
PRESS ON

- What are the tapes (or lies) that play in your head?
- What are the things that you need to let go and release control of?

As you think through these ideas...

GET YOURSELF OUT OF THE WAY  
SURRENDER AND ALLOW GOD TO RE-POSSESS YOU  
SHARE YOUR STORY

- What parts of your identity can you identify as having been manufactured by you to protect yourself, to not get too close, to manage the “you” that others see?
- What would it look like to surrender those things to God?

HAPPY NEW YEAR!