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#winning counts
Philippians 3:1-11

What things can you count on in life?

Philippians 3:1 *Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It's no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.*

What gets in the way of what really counts?

I. Counting on _____

Philippians 3:2-4 *Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence...*

- Who is Paul talking about?
- Why does he call them “dogs?”

Result: _____

II. Counting on _____

Philippians 3:4-6 *... If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.*

Reasons for Paul's confidence:

- Right religion--
- Right nationality--
- Right culture--
- Right education--
- Right passion--
- Right ethics---

Two Results: _____ & _____

III. Counting on _____

Philippians 3:7-11 *But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

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Result: _____

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. What are you counting on in life? If someone looked at your life, what would they say you are placing your confidence in?
2. Have you ever experienced the rollercoaster of counting on human standards? How has that affected your relationship with God?
3. What achievements are you counting on to find joy and purpose in life? Where do you need to trust in Christ more than your ability?
4. If you wrote a letter titled “Dear Younger Me,” what would you write in it? In 10, 20 years, what do you want to be able to write?

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