

This week, Dr. Randall Pannell presents the fourth part of the ten part series Power Verses for Transformation. In this sermon, Philippians 3:13-14 are the key verses pointing out that Paul continues to "press on" in spite of any of his experiences, good or bad, along the way. Randy points out that in the original language, what we translate "Press On" had the understanding of "Chase Down". He makes the point, using Jephthah in the book of Judges Chapter 11, that it is important to not become bogged down in what happened in the past, in circumstances, in personal disappointments, or in rejection. Jephthah did not let his past limit him, and neither did God. Like Jephthah, you need to continue going in your life.

Randy points out that, through a relationship with Jesus, you too can have the ability to be resilient, persistent, and diligent in your daily life. The events of your past do not need to be an "anchor" to hold you there; they can be a "buoy" that marks a change in course. Paul counted everything in his past as worthless in comparison to what lay ahead of him. His attitude kept him always growing in his faith and service. God has placed a calling on your life too and you should move resolutely toward that calling. God has a unique purpose for you that only you can fulfill. A "Fear of Loss" can cause you to lack diligence in pursuing the goals God has prepared for you. Lack of persistence, or a fear of the future, can also come from allowing "Fear of Loss" to color your decision making. Do not give into the fear of losing the things that are familiar in your life.

Have you asked God what His plan is for you? Have you let your life before today hold you back from living out that plan? Press on! God wants you to succeed even more than you do yourself!