

**Philippians Bible Study, March 22, 2023**  
**Philippians 3:8-4:9**

**Intro:**

“...oh, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection. ... And one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

**Word pictures:**

Relay race

Cross-country race—ROAR!

File cabinet

**What phrase really stirs your heart?**

...Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead...

...I press on toward the goal...

...that I may gain Christ and be found in Him....

...that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection....

1. READ AGAIN Philippians 3:12 through 4:9 in your Bible.  
What imperatives seem to fit with each of these three key indicatives?

-Christ Jesus has made me his own.

-Our citizenship is in heaven.

-The Lord is at hand.

2. How does reading Paul's instruction in Philippians differ from your previous understanding, now that you see how he bases his teachings on the indicatives?
3. Do you feel a little better, maybe just a wee bit better, about Paul...? Are you maybe a bit interested in reading some of his other letters, with colored pencils in hand to mark those indicatives...? 😊