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The Most Important Thing

This week Pastor John continued the series *The New Normal*. We are looking together at the book of Philippians and how to have joy when life is difficult and challenging. So gather with your family or go through these points alone each week and let's grow together.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Philippians 4:4

1. Begin by reading Philippians 3:1-14.
2. Share some of your accomplishments and experiences in life with each other.
3. Paul is saying in this passage that all of his past accomplishments and experiences are irrelevant so that He can focus on the goal which is most important. The goal is a growing, vital and intimate relationship with Christ Jesus.
4. Pastor John talked about how dying to oneself is making the decision to live according to values Jesus taught and not how we want to live. You have to die in order to live.
5. Pastor John then said that you have to press on even though you know you won't accomplish it fully because the process is just as important as the finished product. As Paul got closer to the Lord, he discovered that He needed Him even more. And the more he learned about Jesus, the more he learned that there was so much more to be discovered about Him. Do you have a growing, vital and intimate relationship with Jesus? If not, why don't you make that decision today. Give your life to Christ. Nothing is more important than that.

Close in prayer