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MESSAGE NOTES

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Unshakable

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Philippians 3:12-4:1

Unshakable faith is marked by a wholehearted pursuit to know Jesus and following the faithful examples of others around you.

1. Unshakable faith is marked by a wholehearted pursuit to know Jesus (vv. 12-16)
 - a. Humility: a holy discontent is foundational to a wholehearted pursuit to know Jesus (vv. 12a & 13a)
 - b. Devotion: a wholehearted pursuit to know Jesus demands a singular focus on pursuing Jesus (13b-14)

We must properly understand our PAST and our FUTURE so that we can whole heartedly live for Jesus in the PRESENT

- c. Discipline: a wholehearted pursuit to know Jesus demands a moment by moment commitment to following Jesus

2. Unshakable faith is marked by following the faithful examples of others around you. (vv. 17-21)

Reason #1: many bad examples (vv. 18-19)

Reason #2: live as citizens of heaven (vv. 20-21)

Now What?

Unshakable faith is marked by a wholehearted pursuit to know Jesus and following the faithful examples of others around you.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

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HOME GROUP NOTES

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Share It

What is something you've done that took wholehearted pursuit?

Learn from the Bible

Read Philippians 3:12-4:1.

How does Paul (the author) describe his efforts? What goal is he pursuing?

How does Paul view the past? (13-15) His future?

According to this passage, what is required to live with unshakable faith? (3:12- 4:1)

Paul says to 'Follow my example' (17). Who is an example in your life? Is this helping?

Discuss Together

What do you think or feel when you read about Paul's "wholehearted pursuit" to know and follow Jesus? What does this pursuit require of him (or us)? (Also see sermon notes)

How can our past become an anchor that pulls us down? Why?
How can future things motivate us now?

Who and what inspires and motivates you to pursue Christ Jesus? (17)

Paul repeatedly describes the pursuit as an "us," something we do together. What might it look like to pursue Him together? (cf. "join with others" (17), "all of us" (15), and "let us" (16))

Pray Together

- Pray for the attendees and leaders of "Christianity Explored"
- Share and pray about people in your worlds
- Pray for Middle Schoolers and their leaders

Memory Verse for this Week

Philippians 3:13-14