

# Word For Life Church Ministries

## Prayer & Bible Study

**Thursdays at 11:30 am**

**February 6 - March 20, 2025**



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# THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

**Join us LIVE exclusively on Zoom**

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*He who began a good work in you...*

*make my joy complete*

*...to know Christ and the  
power of His resurrection*

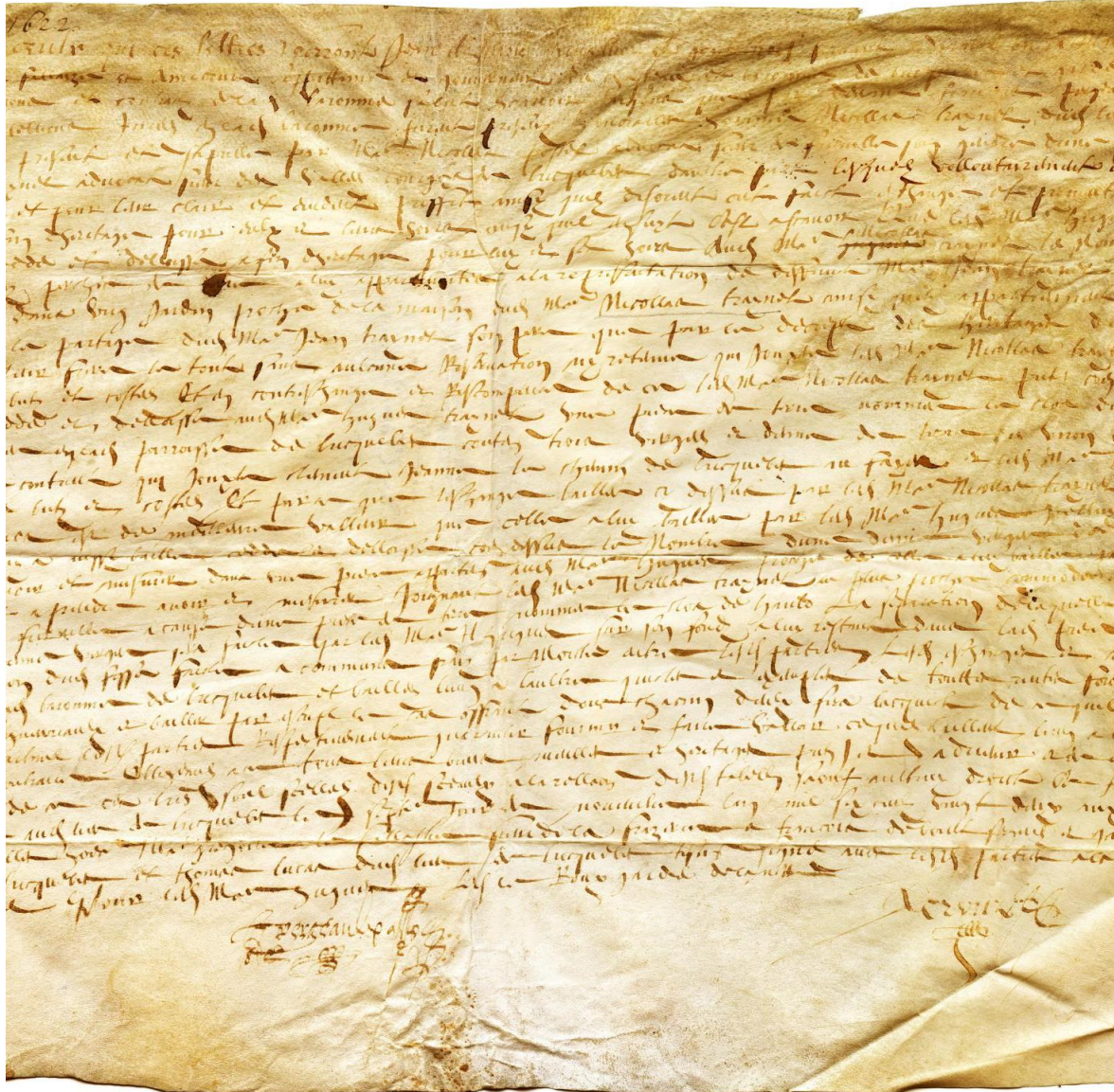
*I press on...*

*Be anxious for nothing...let  
your requests be made  
known to God.*

*I can do all things  
through Christ*

*And my God shall  
supply all your need...*





# Philippians 3:1-21

## The Future Awaits!

*The Journey of Growth and Progress*



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# Chapter 3

## Overview

- Key Themes in Philippians 3
- Paul's Personal Testimony
- The Call to Pursue Christ
- Application for Modern Believers

# Key Themes in Philippians 3

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**RIGHT**

**VS.**

**WRONG**

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# Paul's Warnings Against False Teachings

## Caution Against False Teachings

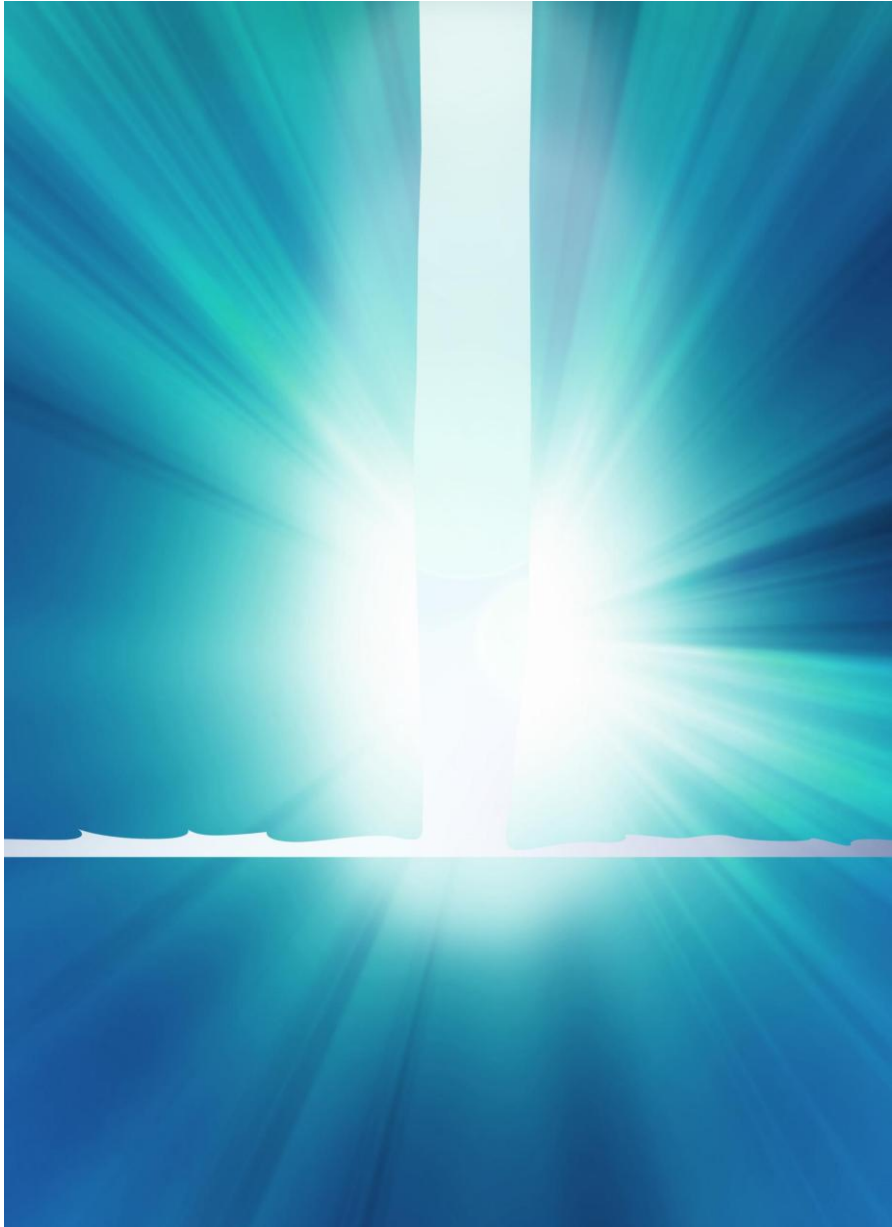
Paul warns the Philippians about the dangers of false teachings that deviate from the true message of Christ.

## Return to the Law

He cautions against those advocating for a return to the law, stressing that this undermines true faith.

## True Faith in Christ

Paul emphasizes that genuine faith is rooted in a personal relationship with Christ, not mere rituals.



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# The Concept of True Righteousness

## **Human Righteousness vs. Faith**

Paul contrasts human righteousness, which is based on law, with the righteousness achieved through faith in Christ.

## **Knowing Christ**

True righteousness is found in knowing Christ, which transforms our understanding of right and wrong.

## **Trusting in Him**

Trusting in Christ is essential for attaining true righteousness and living a life aligned with divine principles.



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# Pressing on Toward the Goal

## **Spiritual Determination**

Believers are encouraged to maintain determination in their spiritual pursuits, striving toward the ultimate goal of eternal life.

## **Perseverance in Faith**

The metaphor of pressing on highlights the importance of perseverance and commitment in the Christian faith journey.

## **Ultimate Prize**

The ultimate prize for believers is eternal life with Christ, motivating them to press forward in their spiritual lives.

# **Paul's Personal Testimony (3:4b-11)**

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# Paul's Former Life and Achievements

## **Devout Pharisee**

Before his conversion, Paul was a well-respected Pharisee known for his deep understanding of Jewish law.

## **Achievements and Accomplishments**

Paul highlights his numerous achievements to illustrate their insignificance compared to his faith in Christ.

## **Radical Transformation**

His journey from a Pharisee to a follower of Christ represents a significant and profound transformation.

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# The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ



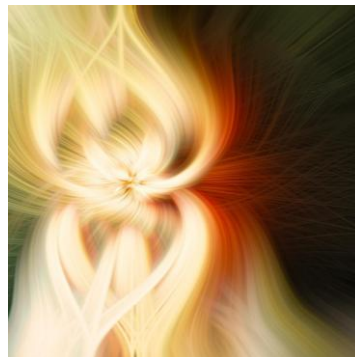
## **Value of Knowing Christ**

Paul highlights that knowing Christ holds greater value than all his past achievements. His knowing Christ brought purpose to life.



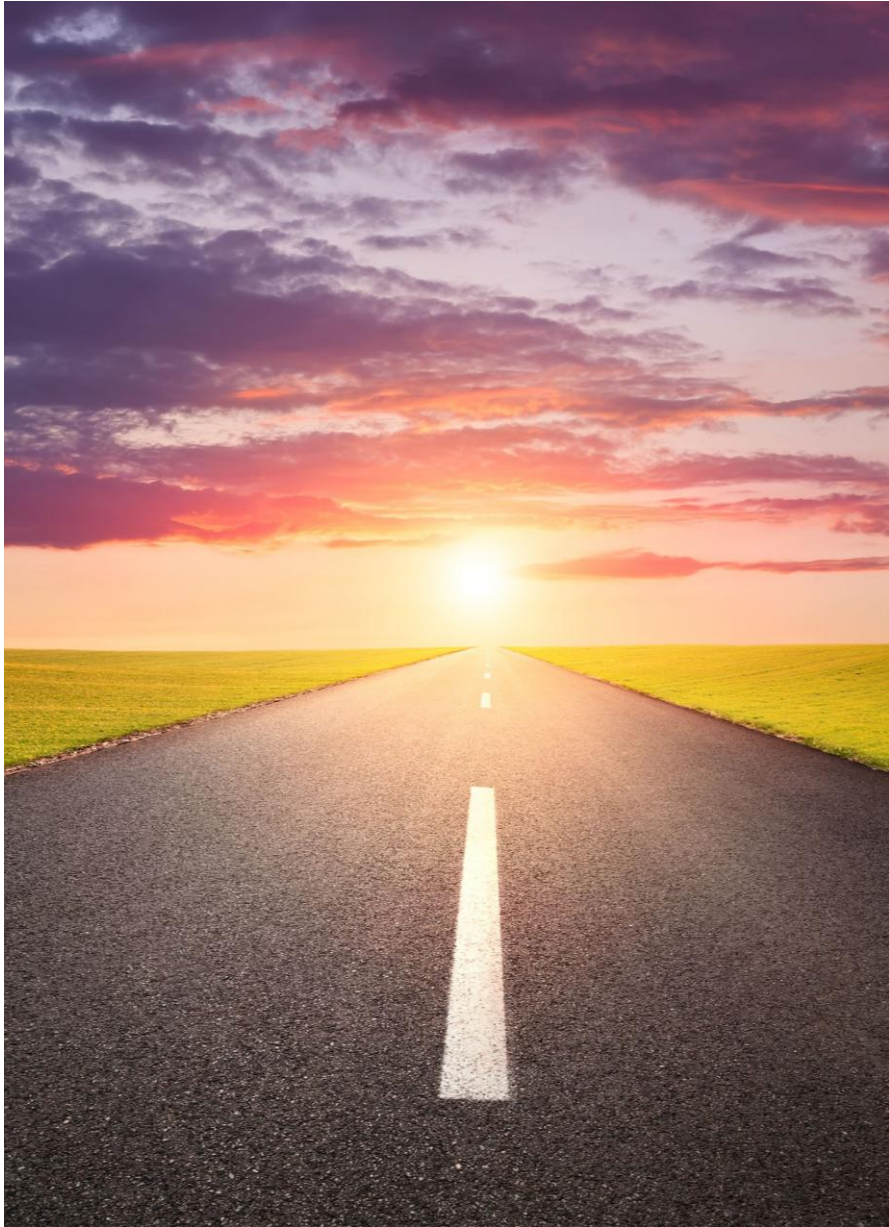
## **Foundation of Faith**

The relationship with Christ is the cornerstone of Christian faith. It shapes both identity and purpose.



## **Source of Fulfillment**

Knowing Christ is a source of true joy and fulfillment, transforming how one experiences life and relationships.



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# Paul's Transformation and New Purpose

## Road to Damascus

Paul's transformation occurred on the road to Damascus, marking a pivotal moment in his life and beliefs.

## New Life Purpose

After his transformation, Paul dedicated his life to spreading the message of Christ and its power to change lives.

## Encouraging Others

Paul encourages others to seek their transformation, highlighting the importance of faith and personal change.

# **The Call to Pursue Christ (3:12-21)**

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# The Race Metaphor

## **Christian Life as a Race**

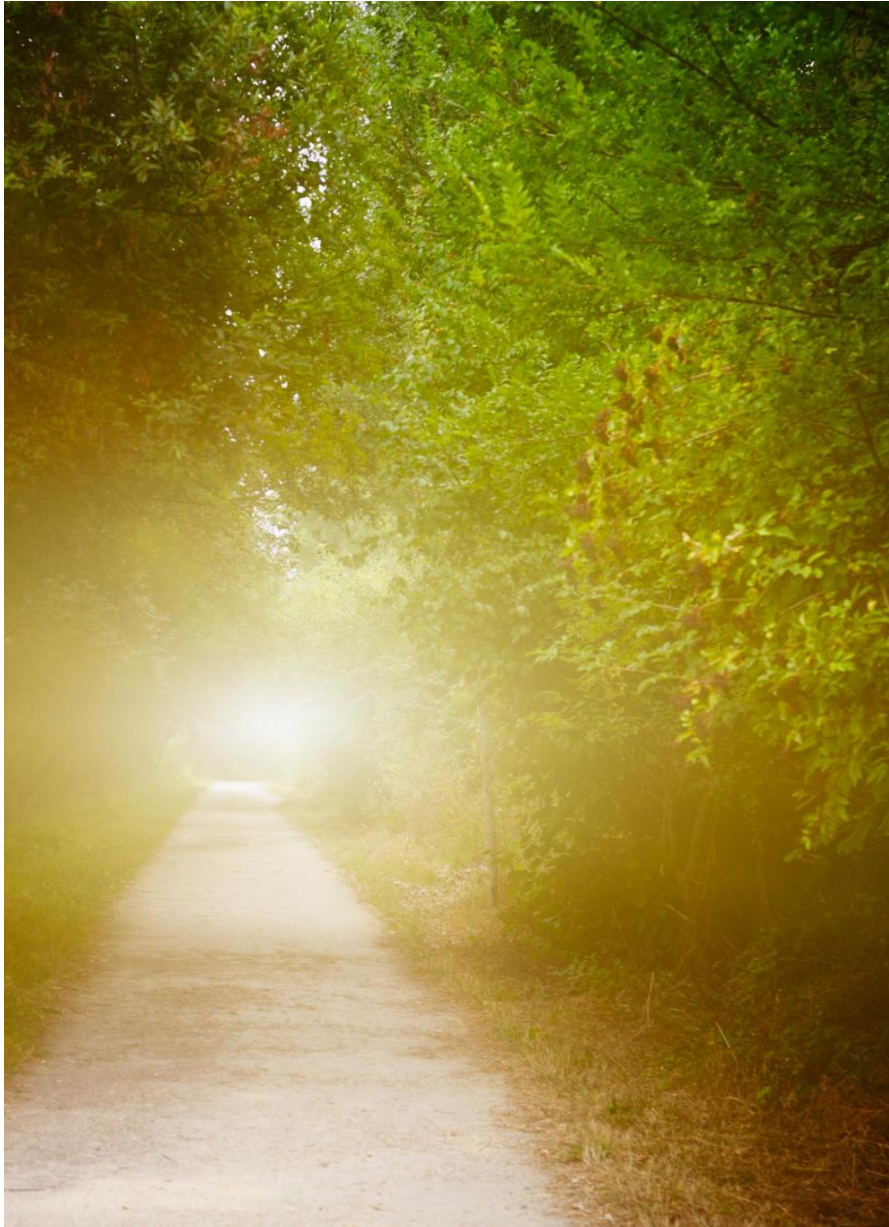
Paul emphasizes that the Christian life is akin to a race, requiring focus, discipline, and commitment.

## **Focus and Determination**

Just as athletes concentrate on their goals, believers must maintain focus on their spiritual growth and objectives.

## **Dedication to Spiritual Growth**

Believers are called to dedicate themselves to their faith, much like athletes train for victory in competitions.



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# Forgetting What Is Behind

## **Letting Go of the Past**

Believers are encouraged to release past failures and achievements to grow spiritually. This process fosters resilience and faith.

## **Forward-Looking Mindset**

A forward-looking mindset is essential for effective spiritual pursuit. It emphasizes hope and trust in God's plan.

## **What God Has in Store**

Focusing on the future allows believers to embrace the potential and opportunities God provides in their journey.



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# Straining Toward What Is Ahead

## **Active Spiritual Effort**

Believers are encouraged to actively pursue their spiritual goals through dedicated effort and commitment.

## **Reliance on God's Strength**

Straining toward spiritual goals requires reliance on God's strength, recognizing that true progress comes from Him.

## **Pursuing Spiritual Goals**

The Christian walk entails setting and striving for spiritual goals that align with one's faith and values.

# **Application for Believers Today**

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**MIND OF CHRIST**

**CITIZENS OF  
HEAVEN**

**EXPECTATION  
OF GLORY**

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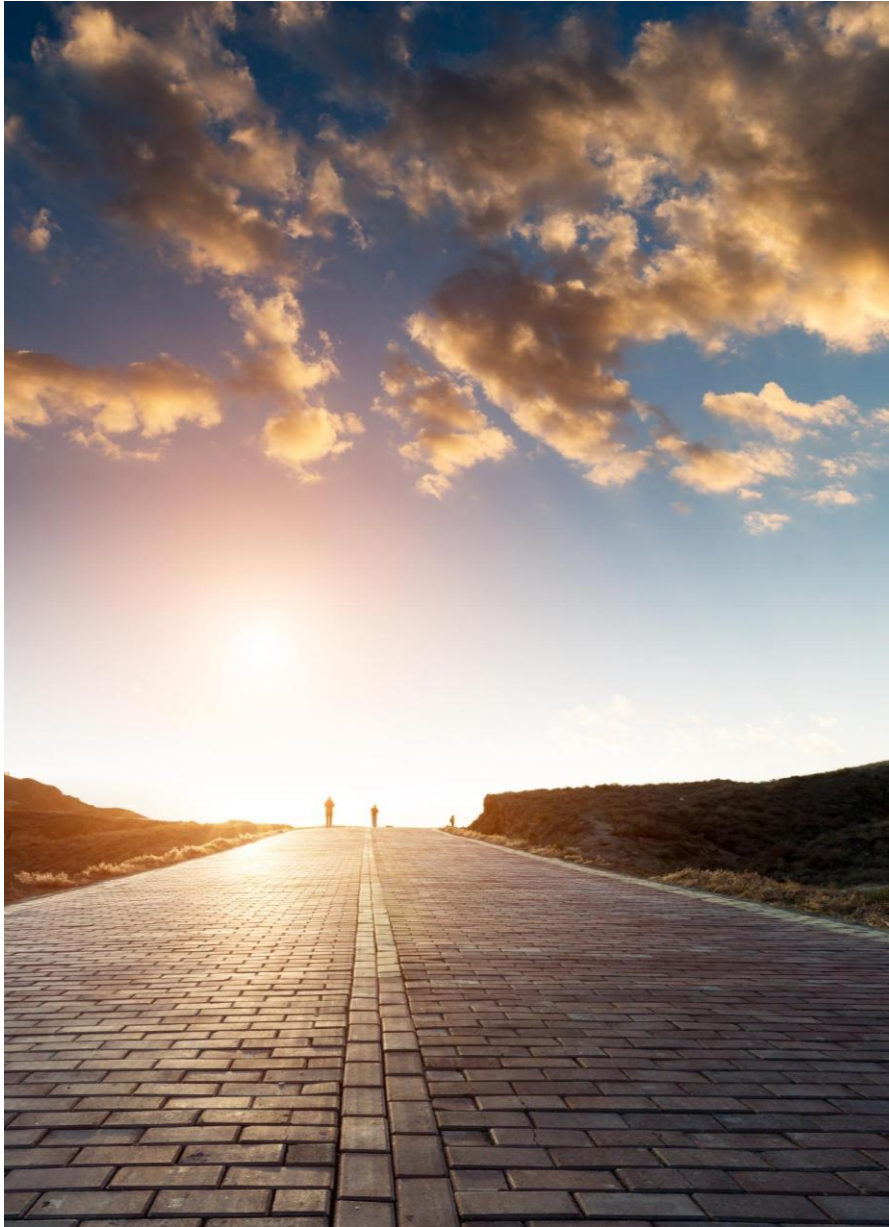
## **Living with a Christ-Centered Mindset**

### **Prioritizing Spiritual Matters**

Adopting a Christ-centered mindset encourages believers to prioritize spiritual matters over worldly concerns for a fulfilled life.

### **Daily Relationship with Jesus**

Cultivating a daily relationship with Jesus through prayer, meditation, and scripture deepens faith and strengthens spiritual growth.



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# Overcoming Distractions and Challenges

## Focus on Faith

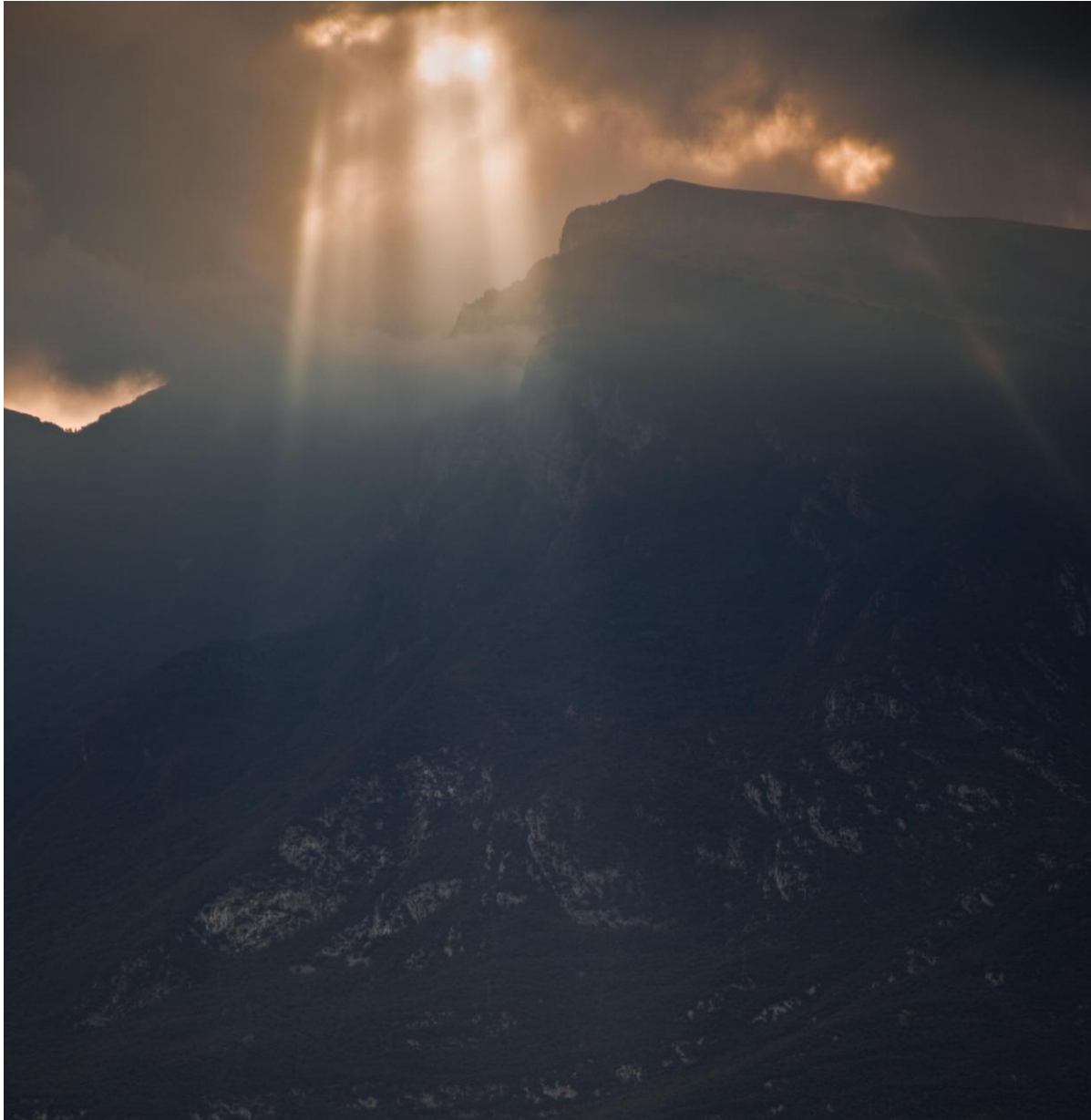
Believers are encouraged to maintain focus on their faith amidst distractions, ensuring spiritual steadfastness.

## Recognizing Obstacles

Identifying and acknowledging challenges is crucial for personal and spiritual growth in one's journey.

## Spiritual Growth

Overcoming distractions fosters spiritual growth, allowing believers to develop perseverance and strength.



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# Encouragement for Perseverance in Faith

## Encouragement for Believers

Paul encourages believers to press on in their faith, reminding them of the importance of steadfastness.

## Facing Trials

Believers are reminded that perseverance is crucial when facing trials and temptations in life.

# Conclusion

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## Chapter Themes

Philippians 3 presents key insights into Paul's instructions about faith and righteousness, encouraging deeper understanding.

## Spiritual Reflection

The messages in Philippians 3 challenge us to reflect on our spiritual journeys, discipleship, and personal growth.

## Living with Purpose

Believers should live purposeful and determined lives. Purpose and determination are guides for our actions and decisions.