

Pursuing the Ultimate Goal

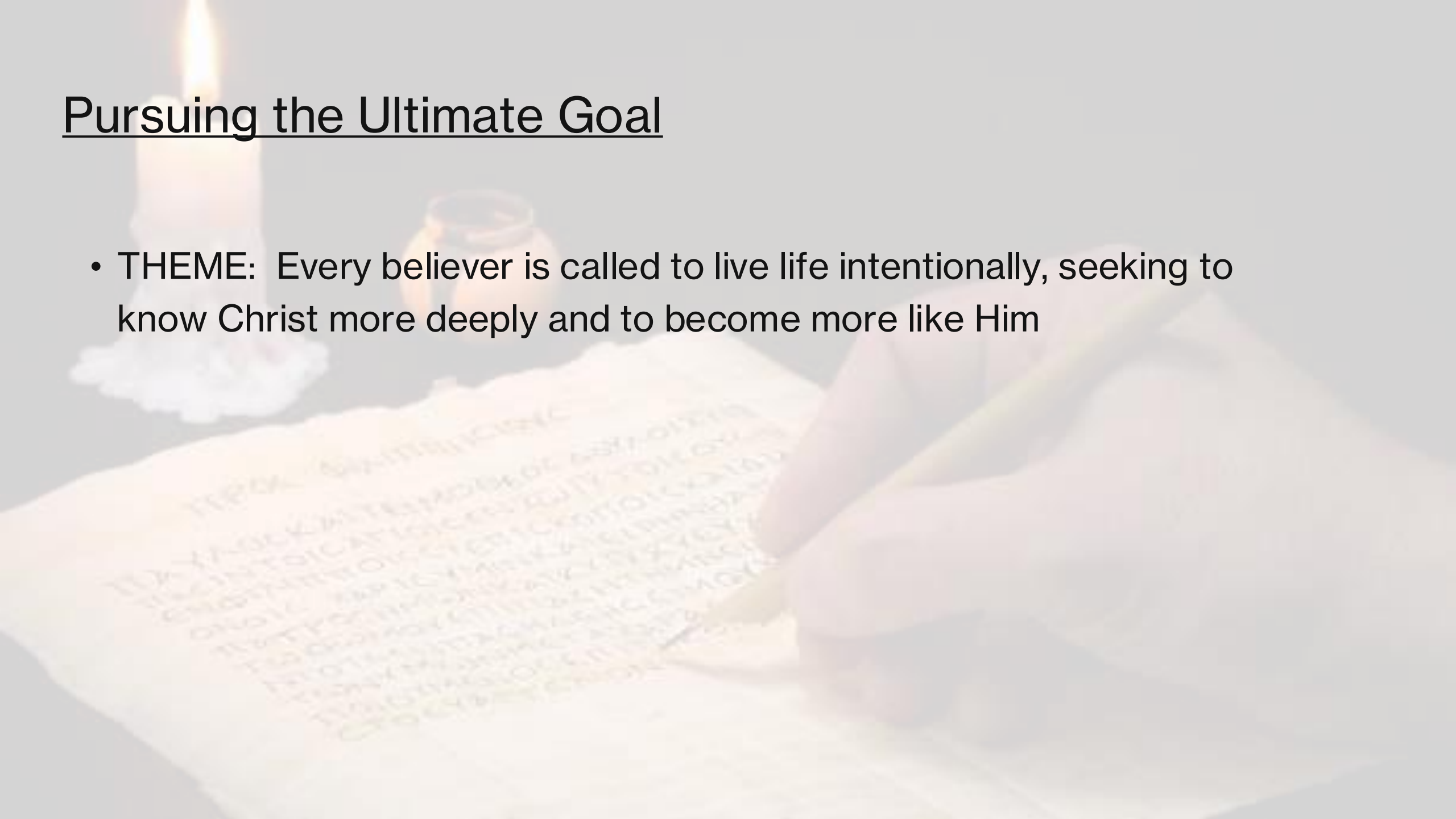
Philippians 3:12-21

Letters of Paul
Sojourners Fellowship



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- **THEME:** Every believer is called to live life intentionally, seeking to know Christ more deeply and to become more like Him



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I. The Pattern of Paul's Life (12-14)

A. His Objective (12)

B. His Mindset (13-14)

1. He is never satisfied with his progress (13a)
2. He never lets what has happened in the past hinder him (13b)
3. He continually strives toward the goal (13c-14a)
4. He keeps his eye on the prize (14b)

Pursuing the Ultimate Goal

- I. The Pattern of Paul's Life (12-14)
- II. Paul's Charge: Have the Same Mindset (15-16)
- III. Paul's Warning: Beware of the Lawless (17-21)
 - A. Choose to Follow Godly Examples (17)
 - B. Reject Ungodly Examples (18-19)
 - C. Live With a View Toward the Life to Come (20-21)
 1. Recognize where the believer's citizenship lies (20a)
 2. Live expectantly (20b)
 3. Know what awaits at the finish line (21)

Implications & Applications

1. Maintain as your ultimate priority the pursuit of knowing Christ and becoming like Him
2. Never be satisfied with your spiritual progress
3. Let go of things that happened in the past – whether good or bad – that can take your focus off the goal
4. Expend maximum effort as you strive toward the goal of holiness

Implications & Applications

5. Keep your eye on the prize: eternity in the presence of the Lord
6. Follow the example of those who are walking in the pattern established by Paul
7. Remember where your true citizenship lies
8. Rejoice in the prospect of what awaits when the Savior returns!