

- 4) One of the things we see in Paul's life is that there were things he once thought were valuable, but in his relationship with Christ he discovered they were not. Can you relate to Paul's conclusion, and if so, what is no longer of value to you compared to Christ?
- 5) What does Paul want to know and experience? What is the difference between the two, and why are they both important?
- 6) From verses 12-14 what is Paul focused on, and how can his perspective help us?
- 7) Are there things in your life that are holding you back from knowing and experiencing God, and if so, what are they?

One of the lessons I have learned in my life is something called habit stacking. It is the idea of starting a new habit connected to one that already exists in your life. For example, my wife Stacy has a routine in the morning to get ready. Hair, make-up, dogs, some minor chores around the house—but she always does them. She added the habit of listening to her Bible while doing these things. She stacked the habit on one that already existed.

- 8) Is there a discipline you have been wanting to do or add to your life? If so, what is it, and can you stack it on something you already do? Can you trade the habit for something else?
- 9) How can healthy rhythms help you with bold steps?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

- 1) Read the passage above and ask God to reveal anything to you that you need to shift.
- 2) What healthy rhythms are you needing to put into place in your life?
- 3) What habit can you stack this week to help you know Christ better?

I Believe

Bold Steps

Pastor Tim | February 19, 2023

Message Thread: The steps we take reveal what we believe.

Key Text: “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes...”
Romans 1:16 NLT

“I”

- Personal Proclamation – Not a “we” or “us” statement
- Individually standing with and for Jesus

“Am”

- Being powerfully present in this very moment
- Not living in your past
 - “No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead...” Philippians 3:13 NLT

“Not ashamed”

- This is your Bold Proclamation!
- An unshakable conviction that won't be swayed
 - “So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: ‘Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about. He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.’”
Acts 17:22-25 NLT

“Of this Good News about Christ”

- This our bold belief
- Not my own ideas or thoughts
- Not the world's ideas or thoughts
- Jesus is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE! (John 14:6)

- “We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.”
Romans 3:22 – 25 NLT

Bold steps lead you towards:

- Bold Measures
- Bold YES and Bold NO
- Bold Church
- Bold Story

Our steps reveal what we believe!

Challenge:

- What do your steps reveal about what you believe?
- What bold steps do you need to take today?
- Where will those bold steps lead you towards?

**Life Group Homework
Bold Steps**

Winter 2023 | Week 6
Message Date 2/19/2023

MY STORY



- 1) The zombie apocalypse is coming; who are 3 people you want on your team?
- 2) What was your least favorite food as a child? Do you still hate it, or do you love it now?

QUICK REVIEW



3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Philippians 3:2-14 (NLT) 2 Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. 3 For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, 4 though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! 5 I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. 6 I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! Pressing toward the Goal 12 I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.