

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: **Philippians 3:4b-14**

4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason **to be confident in the flesh**, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a **member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews**; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to **zeal**, a persecutor of the church; **as to righteousness under the law, blameless.**

7 Yet **whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss** because of Christ. 8 More than that, **I regard everything as loss** because of the surpassing value of **knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord. **For his sake I have suffered** the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 **I want to know Christ** and the power of his resurrection and the **sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death**, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but **I press on** to make it my own, because **Christ Jesus has made me his own**. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind** and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 **I press on toward the goal for the prize** of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Math - B, Body - B, Music - I, People - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Verse 8: “rubbish”: The Greek word can mean <i>excrement</i> . It is something disposed of irrevocably.	Vss. 4-6 How to Write a Great Resumé Vss. 8-9ff – Defining “Righteousness” - this article actually follows theological development of the word through OT, NT, and even to the Reformation, which is	

		very useful to understand the context here	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Vs 14. Press on toward the goal - athletic competition allusion	Circus Maximus - the Superdome of Paul's day	
Math - Logical/Mathematical MWD		Vs 7 - counting it all as loss Fred Craddock tells a story about a missionary family in China forced to flee after communists took over the country. They had two hours to pack 200 pounds of belongings before being shipped out. They argued over heirlooms and practical appliances and tools until they had all their worldly possessions down to two hundred pounds. The soldiers returned asking if they had everything weighed and ready. "Yes," they responded. "Did you weigh your children?" Suddenly, the typewriter, heirloom vase, and books were thrown out. None of it meant anything to the surpassing value of their children.	Vss. 8-9 See this article on righteousness as a legal term (as in WORD above), then invite a lawyer to discuss righteousness with respect to the law. Is righteousness the same as compliance with the law? Are there situations in the legal system in which compliance with the law is not the most just answer?
Body - Kinesthetic D2		Vs. 10-14 Various training montages Training Montage trope The origin of marathons	⇐ Do your own training montage, complete with theme MUSIC doing some pushups, sit ups, jogging, jumping rope, etc. -- make it ironic and pathetic if that suits your current condition better.
Musical D2		Vs. 12-14 Going the Distance by Cake (not the official video) Gonna Fly Now Eye of the Tiger I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	

Natural			
People - Interpersonal MWD			Vs. 12b - Get a matching heart necklace to show, as an illustration of the reciprocity (not romance) of a relationship with Christ. Christ gets your heart, you get his.
Self - Intrapersonal	Vs 12 -14 “David Williams in his book Paul's Metaphors: Their Context and Character , points out that Paul knew the dangers of looking back. He knew that dwelling on past achievements could bring complacency and that dwelling on past failures could make one despondent. For Paul, both are best forgotten in the interest of pressing on toward the objective.” Alyce McKenzie , Edgy Exegesis	⇐ Farmers do not look back while plowing or mowing because shifting one’s body to do so re-orient one’s direction - which creates crooked rows. Beginning drivers are encouraged to learn to use their mirrors to see what is behind their vehicles for the same reason. Looking back can be dangerous if one turns one’s body with one’s head. See also EYE	⇐ How is metaphorically looking back dangerous? What benefits do you derive from keeping your focus forward? Is there a time when looking back can be done safely and to one’s benefit? When and how?