

**SERMON NOTES: “Never Give Up”**  
**David Renwick, July 14, 2019**

**Today’s Reading:**

**Philippians 3:10 -16**

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* towards the goal for the prize of *the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus*.

15 Let those of us who are mature be of the same mind. (and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you)

16 Only let us *hold fast* to what we have attained.

**Related Passages in Philippians:**

**Philippians 2:12, 13**

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **for God is at work in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure

**Philippians 1:29**

For God has graciously granted you **the privilege** not only of believing in Christ, but **of suffering for him** as well.

**Philippians 3:10**

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection

**and the sharing of his sufferings** by becoming like him in his death.

**Philippians 1:6**

I am confident that the one who began a good work in/among you

**will bring it to completion** by the day of Jesus Christ.

**A PRAYER** (Commonly known as “The Confederate Soldier’s Prayer”)

- I asked God for *strength*, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. - I asked for *health*, that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. - I asked for *riches*, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise. - I asked for *power* that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

-I asked *for all things*, that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for but got everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all people, most richly blessed.