Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united



yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to

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But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

We are called to spiritual _____

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. **Philippians 3:15**

- You were created to ______ spiritually
- Maturity is the result of the spiritual growth that takes place in your life
- The apostle Paul shares his own personal God-story (Philippians 3:4-14)
 - What is your God-story?
 - Your life _____you met Christ
 - What happened when you ______ your life to Christ
 - Your life _____ in Christ

Maturity comes as we press into _____

Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Philippians 3:16

• Paul writes, I want to know Christ. Philippians 3:10

o I press on toward the goal to win the prize – the _____ is Jesus Christ

Maturity develops as we learn from _____

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of the those who live according to the pattern we gave you. **Philippians 3:17**

- Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1
- God never wastes an _____
- Who are the people God has put in your life to help you mature spiritually?

Maturity grows in our _____

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body. **Philippians 3:20-21**

- Remember, the apostle Paul is writing this letter from ______.
- God is writing a greater_____ in all of us. Many times the greatest part of our story comes as we learn to trust God in the struggles.

Maturity is built as we ______

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! **Philippians 4:1**

- The call to ______
- The importance of God's ______

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

Taking It Home

God wants us to grow in our faith to become mature followers of Christ. Maturity happens as we press deeper into Christ Jesus and then live out His will in our lives. As we are faithful to Him, God matures us. God is writing a greater story in all of us. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, don't stop growing. Don't become distracted by "earthly things," but live your life wholehearted for Christ. In the process, you will grow to be all He desires.