

Philippians 3:7-14

Encouraged by Pressing on Toward the Goal



Encouraged by Safeguards

Illustration of
warnings while in
open air bus



Encouraged by Safeguards



- **No problem! No trouble for me to write**
- **No confidence in the flesh**
- **I could boast with the best of you! Look at my background...**
- **Spiritual safeguard...constant warning against spiritual boasting for any reason!**

Encouraged by losing all things

- Once gains, now loss
- Consider everything loss
- Because of surpassing worth of knowing Christ
- For whose sake I have lost all things
- Consider garbage/dung—tried not to step in it! Dung catcher! {picture}
- Win Christ and be found in him





Dung catchers!

Encouraged by knowing Christ

- Not my own righteousness of the law
- Comes through the faithfulness of Christ
- Basis of faith
- Knowing Christ
 - Know the power of his resurrection
 - Participate in his suffering
 - Becoming like him in death
- Attain to the resurrection of the dead



Encouraged by pressing on

- Have not obtained any of this yet
- Have not yet arrived at my goal
- Press on—take hold...took hold!
- One thing I do...
- Win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ!
- Perspective... see next picture





From Strasburg to Paradise

Conclusion

Encouraged by pressing on toward the goal...

- **Encouraged by safeguards**
- **Encouraged by losing all things**
- **Encouraged by knowing Christ**
- **Encouraged by pressing on**

