

Rooted in the Word weekly readings

for:

May 19-25, 2014

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-14.

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

May 19: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Spend time with these verses. Read them over slowly five times. What word or phrase do you sense that the Lord may want you to focus on today and in the week ahead?

May 20: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Remembering that Paul did not originally write with chapters and verses like our Bible is laid out, how does our passage relate to the previous verses, especially verses 10-11?

May 21: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Focus on verse 12. What does Paul say he wants “to take hold of” and how do you understand “that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me?”

May 22: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Focus on verse 13. As you think about the author of these words, what does it mean for him to forget “what is behind?” How does this relate to verses 4-8? What would that mean for you to forget “what is behind” in your life?

May 23: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Focus on verse 13. As you think about “straining toward what is ahead” what does Paul mean? How do you strain toward what is ahead in your life with Christ?

May 24: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Focus on verse 14. What is Paul’s goal in life? How does this relate to the goals that you have in your life? What would it mean for you to have the same goal that Paul has?

May 25: Read Philippians 3:12-14. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the

message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.