

THE UPWARD CALL

A Letter from Prison – Week 9

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KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Philippians 3:12-16](#)
- [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)
- [Luke 9:62](#)
- [Ecclesiastes 7:8](#)

KEY POINTS

- Paul speaks to Christian maturity in these scriptures.
- The high calling is to move forward in Christ without looking back when times are difficult.
- Accept all circumstances and, by any means necessary, become like Christ.
- Longing for the good old days may cause us to miss what God is doing now.
- Looking back briefly to see what God has done or learn from mistakes is healthy.
- Hard times or dry times are opportunities to experience the power of the resurrection.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you currently experiencing personal growth in Christ?
2. Do you struggle with present shame caused by living in the past?
3. How can we become focused like the woman in the picture?
4. Take some time to discuss ways we can keep moving in the upward call.

