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Philippians 3

- Paul's Temporary Joy (vv.1-6):
 - "Rejoice in the Lord." (v.1)
 - Our joy needs to be sourced from Christ.
 - Any other source will be a temporary joy.
Hebrews 11:25 (cf. Ecclesiastes)
 - Don't Trust in the Flesh. (vv.2-3)
 - Trusting in the flesh = thinking lasting joy can be had without God.
 - "Had I been happy without Jesus, I never would have turned to Him" (Randy Alcorn).
- Paul's Pursuits. (vv.4-6)

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- Where True Joy Comes From (**vv.7-11**)
 - But... (**v.7**)
 - Whatever Paul had, whatever joys, their true value was known the moment when Paul was confronted with Christ.
 - Knowing Jesus (**v.8**)
 - He counted everything as rubbish in comparison.
 - **Matthew 16:25**
- What Jesus Offers (**vv.9-11**)
 - **John 10:9-10**

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- True Joy is Worth Everything (vv.12-21)
 - Press on! (vv.12-16)
 - All that Christ offers is worth the race, the effort, the struggle of this life!
 - Hebrews 12:1-2
 - Follow our example and rejoice. (vv.17-21)
 - Just as those before us, for the joy set before them, pressed on, we press on for that same joy.
 - The joy of Christ is worth my all.



For whoever would save
his life will lose it,
but whoever loses
his life for my sake
and the gospel's
will save it.
For what does it
profit a man
to gain the whole world
and forfeit his soul?

MARK 8:35-36