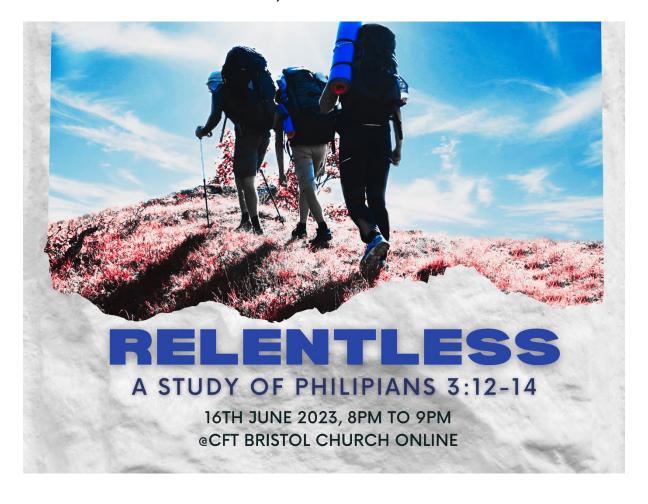
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"BOOK BY BOOK" BIBLE STUDY NOTES

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Relentless (Philippians 3:12-14)

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Notes:

What does the word relentless mean?

- ".. unceasingly intense .. "
- ".. determined to do something and refuses to give up .."
- [1] We should not have what I refer to an "I have arrived *mentality*" when it comes to work or outreach with regards to preaching or supporting the gospel Christ.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:10
- [2] The Apostle Paul did not see himself as having achieved in the context of the ministry of Christ, even though he had accomplished a lot with regards to the gospel. He let go of past *achievements (and setbacks)* and looked to the future with the desire to do even more.
 - Isaiah 43:18-19
- [3] He was relentless in pursuing **the goal** to win what he termed as "the prize". This prize was a heavenly prize or reward that Christ gives. This relentless pursue was undergirded by his relationship with Christ and who he was in Christ. He was totally focused.
 - Matthew 22:37
 - 2 Timothy 2:1-4
 - Acts 26:19