NW YOUTH · NORTHWEST MINISTRY NETWORK

NO LONGER I

21 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN



START ANYTIME, NOW OR AFTER NG.

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> **Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

- **Read** the passage (5 to 15 minutes). Use a Bible app or a printed Bible.
- **Lock in** the key verse. Say it out loud. Bonus points for memorizing it.
- **Think** through the devo and write your answer in the space on each page.
- **Do the dare.** Faith grows when we actually do something.
- **Pray** the one line prayer, then keep talking to God in your own words.
- **Go deeper** with the extra passages when you have more time.
- **Share it.** Post your day with **#NoLongerI #NWYouthChallenge**.

THE THREE WEEKS

- **Week 1, Days 1 to 7: Crucified with Christ.** Dying to self. Letting the old me go so Jesus can take the lead.
- **Week 2, Days 8 to 14: Christ in Me.** New identity. Spirit-filled life. You're not who you used to be.
- **Week 3, Days 15 to 21: Living by Faith.** Mission. Living it out at school, at home, and everywhere in between.

Miss a day? No guilt. Just pick back up.

Name: _____ Youth group: _____

Day 1 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

NO LONGER I

READ GALATIANS 2:11-21 ☐ DONE

> "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
> **Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

This is where it all started at NG. "No Longer I" isn't a slogan; it's a swap. Paul says the old me went to the cross, and now Jesus lives His life through me. That changes how you walk into school tomorrow.

REFLECT

If Jesus really lived His life through you this week, what's one thing that would look different?

DARE

Write "No Longer I" (Gal 2:20) somewhere you'll see it every day: lock screen, mirror, or backpack.

PRAY

Jesus, I give You the driver's seat. Live Your life through me today.

GO DEEPER

Galatians 2:20 was not a motto for Paul. It was his whole life in one sentence.

Romans 6:6–7: Your old self was crucified with Jesus so sin would lose its power over you.

2 Corinthians 5:15: Jesus died for all so we would no longer live for ourselves.

A thought to chew on: Crucified sounds extreme because it is. Paul is saying the old you did not get a makeover. It got a funeral. What rose from that grave is a life where Jesus calls the shots, and that is actually the freest way to live.

One more question: What is one part of the old you that needs a funeral this week?

Day 2 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD

READ ROMANS 6:1-14 ☐ DONE

> "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."
> **Romans 6:11 (NIV)**

Sin isn't your boss anymore. Paul says to "count" it: do the math and believe what Jesus already did. You're not trying to become free; you already are, so start living like it.

REFLECT

What sin has been acting like it still owns you?

DARE

Name one temptation you face and pick a "dead to it" move: delete the app, change the route, or text a friend for backup.

PRAY

Lord, I'm dead to sin and alive to You. Help me live like it's true, because it is.

GO DEEPER

Romans 6 was written to people who already belonged to Jesus and still felt pulled by sin.

John 8:36: If the Son sets you free, you are free for real.

Psalm 116:16: God loosens chains, He does not just loosen our schedule.

A thought to chew on: The word count in Romans 6:11 is an accounting word. God already did the math on the cross, and the debt column is zero. Your job is not to win the fight. It is to believe the total and live like it.

One more question: Where do you need to stop arguing with freedom and just walk in it?

Day 3 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

HE MUST BECOME GREATER

READ JOHN 3:22-36

☐ DONE

> "He must become greater; I must become less."
> **John 3:30 (NIV)**

John the Baptist had a crowd, a platform, and a following, and he happily pointed it all at Jesus. That's the most freeing way to live: you don't have to be the main character. Jesus is.

REFLECT

Where are you trying to be the main character right now?

DARE

Do one thing today that makes someone else look good and you get zero credit for it.

PRAY

Jesus, be greater in me today. I'll gladly be less.

GO DEEPER

John the Baptist watched his followers leave for Jesus and called it joy.

Isaiah 42:8: God does not share His glory, and He is worthy of all of it.

Philippians 2:9–11: One day every knee bows to Jesus, so starting now is just early.

A thought to chew on: John called himself the friend of the bridegroom. The friend does not get the wedding. He gets to celebrate it. When Jesus gets bigger in your life, you do not shrink into nothing. You finally fit the role you were made for.

One more question: Where could you step back this week so Jesus gets noticed instead of you?

Day 4 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

READ LUKE 9:18-27 ☐ DONE

> "Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"
> **Luke 9:23 (NIV)**

Following Jesus isn't a one-time moment at the altar. It's a daily "yes." The cross isn't a necklace; it's a decision to put His will over yours every morning.

REFLECT

What's one area where saying "Your will, not mine" feels costly right now?

DARE

Before you check your phone tomorrow morning, pray Luke 9:23 out loud.

PRAY

Jesus, I'll pick up my cross today and follow You.

GO DEEPER

Jesus said these words right after Peter finally said out loud who He really was.

Mark 8:34–35: Whoever loses their life for Jesus actually finds it.

Romans 8:13: By the Spirit we put to death the things that used to run us.

A thought to chew on: The cross was not jewelry in the first century. It was a one way road. Jesus is honest about the cost, and He is just as honest about the reward. Losing your life for Him turns out to be the only way to really get one.

One more question: What would denying yourself look like tomorrow morning before school?

Day 5 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

EVERYTHING ELSE IS LOSS

READ PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11 ☐ DONE

> "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ."
> **Philippians 3:7 (NIV)**

Paul had the résumé: the right family, the right grades, the right reputation. Then he met Jesus and called all of it garbage compared to knowing Him. Followers, likes, status: none of it compares.

REFLECT

What are you holding onto that's competing with knowing Jesus?

DARE

Take a 24-hour break from one thing you lean on for approval (social media, a game, a group chat) and spend that time with Jesus.

PRAY

Jesus, knowing You is worth more than anything I could gain.

GO DEEPER

Paul wrote Philippians from a prison cell and still called it joy.

Matthew 13:44–46: The man who found the treasure happily sold everything to get it.

Psalm 73:25–26: God is the strength of your heart when everything else fails.

A thought to chew on: The word Paul uses for garbage is one of the strongest words in his vocabulary. He is not saying his old life was fine and Jesus was a little better. He is saying next to knowing Jesus, everything else is trash on the curb.

One more question: If someone saw your screen time this week, what would they say you treasure most?

Day 6 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

THE SEED HAS TO DIE

READ JOHN 12:20-33 ☐ DONE

> "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."
> **John 12:24 (NIV)**

A seed in a drawer stays a seed forever. It only becomes a harvest when it goes into the ground. Dying to yourself isn't the end of your story; it's how God multiplies your life.

REFLECT

What might God grow if you let go of control in one area?

DARE

Give something away today: your time, a snack, a compliment, or a ride. Plant a seed.

PRAY

God, I'll let go so You can grow something bigger than me.

GO DEEPER

Jesus said this right after people from outside the faith asked to see Him.

1 Corinthians 15:36–38: What you sow does not come to life unless it dies first.

Isaiah 53:10–12: Jesus' own death produced a family, not just a tragedy.

A thought to chew on: A seed looks dead before it looks like a harvest. The ground is not the end of the seed. It is the beginning of the field. Surrender feels like losing, but in God's hands it is planting.

One more question: What is one thing you are keeping in the drawer that God wants in the ground?

Day 7 of 21 WEEK 1 · CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

BOAST IN THE CROSS

READ GALATIANS 6:11–18 ☐ DONE

> "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."
> **Galatians 6:14 (NIV)**

Week 1 done! Paul ends Galatians by saying the only thing worth bragging about is the cross. Not your performance, not your streak, just what Jesus did. Rest in that today.

REFLECT

Looking back on this week, what did God show you about dying to self?

DARE

Go to church today and tell one person what Galatians 2:20 means to you.

PRAY

Jesus, the cross is my only boast. Thank You for everything You did.

GO DEEPER

Paul ends Galatians the way he started it, with the cross at the center.

Jeremiah 9:23–24: Do not boast in strength or smarts. Boast that you know the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:31: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

A thought to chew on: To boast means to point at something and say look at that. Paul looked at his trophies and his failures and pointed past both of them to a cross. The cross cancels the scoreboard, and that is really good news for people like us.

One more question: What have you been quietly bragging about that needs to move over for Jesus?

Week 1 wrap up

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

Group discussion for your youth group or small group, or talk it through with a friend.

Q1

What's one thing you had to "die to" this week? How did it go?

Q2

Day 3 says "He must become greater; I must become less." Where is it hardest to make Jesus bigger than yourself: online, at school, with friends, or at home?

Q3

Jesus said to take up your cross daily. What does "daily" look like for a student? Share one practical idea.

Q4

Who took a dare this week? What happened?

Day 8 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

BRAND NEW

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21 ☐ DONE

> "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
> **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

You're not a cleaned-up version of the old you. You're a new creation. The old labels (failure, too much, not enough) don't get the final word. God does.

REFLECT

What old label do you need to let God erase?

DARE

Write the old label on paper, cross it out, and write "New Creation" over it. Keep it in your Bible.

PRAY

God, thank You that in Christ I'm brand new.

GO DEEPER

Paul wrote this to a church with a messy past, and he called them new.

Ezekiel 36:26: God promised a new heart and a new spirit long before you were born.

John 3:3: Jesus told Nicodemus the only way in is to be born again.

A thought to chew on: New creation means God did not patch the old you. He started over. The same voice that spoke light into the dark in Genesis spoke new life into you. Your past is not your label anymore.

One more question: What old name have you been answering to that God never gave you?

Day 9 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

NO CONDEMNATION

READ ROMANS 8:1-17 ☐ DONE

> "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,"
> **Romans 8:1 (NIV)**

Shame shouts, "You'll never change." Romans 8 answers, "No condemnation." Not less condemnation. None. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you.

REFLECT

What's one thing you keep beating yourself up over that Jesus already paid for?

DARE

Every time you hear shame today, answer it out loud (or in your head): "No condemnation. Romans 8:1."

PRAY

Holy Spirit, silence shame and remind me who I am in Christ.

GO DEEPER

Romans 8:1 might be the loudest verse in the Bible for a heart full of shame.

John 3:17: God did not send His Son to condemn the world but to save it.

Psalm 103:12: Your sins are removed as far as the east is from the west.

A thought to chew on: Condemnation is a courtroom word. It means a guilty verdict with a sentence attached. Jesus took the sentence, so the verdict over you is gone. Shame will still shout, but it no longer has a case.

One more question: What verdict are you still living under that God already overturned?

Day 10 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

CHILD, NOT SLAVE

READ GALATIANS 3:26-4:7 ☐ DONE

> "So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir."
> **Galatians 4:7 (NIV)**

God didn't just forgive you; He adopted you. You get to call Him "Abba, Father." You don't have to earn a seat at the table. It already has your name on it.

REFLECT

Do you relate to God more like a boss you're trying to impress or a Father who loves you?

DARE

Spend five minutes talking to God like a Father: no list, just honest conversation.

PRAY

Abba, Father, thank You that I'm Yours.

GO DEEPER

Slaves work for approval. Children already have it.

Romans 8:15–17: You received the Spirit of adoption, so you can cry Abba, Father.

1 John 3:1: Look at the love the Father has given us, that we are called His children.

A thought to chew on: Abba is an Aramaic word, the language Jesus spoke at home, and it is close to the word Dad. God did not rescue you to make you an employee. He adopted you, signed the papers, and put your name on the inheritance.

One more question: When you pray, do you talk to God like a Father or like a boss you are scared of?

Day 11 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

HIDDEN WITH CHRIST

READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 ☐ DONE

> "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."
> **Colossians 3:3 (NIV)**

Your real life isn't your highlight reel or your worst moment. It's hidden with Christ: safe, secure, and seen by God. So set your mind on things above, and take off the old stuff like dirty clothes.

REFLECT

What does Colossians 3 say to "take off," and what does it say to "put on"? Which one do you need most today?

DARE

Pick one "put on" word from verses 12–14 (kindness, patience, forgiveness...) and live it on purpose today.

PRAY

Jesus, my life is hidden in You. Help me set my mind on You.

GO DEEPER

Your real life is kept somewhere safer than your feed.

Psalm 27:5: God hides you in His shelter in the day of trouble.

John 10:28–29: No one can snatch you out of the Father's hand.

A thought to chew on: Hidden does not mean missing. It means guarded, like treasure in a vault. Your worth is not stored in likes or stats or what people say. It is stored with Christ in God, and nobody can break in and steal it.

One more question: Where do you usually look to decide if you are okay, and how is that different from being hidden in Christ?

Day 12 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

KEEP IN STEP

READ GALATIANS 5:13–26 ☐ DONE

> "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."
> **Galatians 5:25 (NIV)**

The Christian life isn't white-knuckling it; it's walking with the Holy Spirit step by step. When you follow His lead, fruit grows: love, joy, peace, and the rest. You can't fake fruit, but you can stay connected.

REFLECT

Which fruit of the Spirit do you most want God to grow in you right now?

DARE

Ask the Holy Spirit three times today, "What do You want me to do right now?" and then do it.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, I want to keep in step with You today.

GO DEEPER

Fruit does not grow by trying harder. It grows by staying connected.

John 15:4–5: Apart from Jesus you can do nothing, so stay attached to the vine.

Psalm 37:23: The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him.

A thought to chew on: Keep in step is a marching word. Soldiers do not sprint ahead or lag behind. They match the pace of the one leading. Walking with the Spirit is small steps, all day, in the same direction as Jesus.

One more question: What is one moment in your normal day where you could ask the Holy Spirit to lead?

Day 13 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

FILLED

READ ACTS 2:1-21 ☐ DONE

> "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
> **Acts 2:4 (NIV)**

The same Spirit who showed up in that upper room wants to fill you. Not just a feeling, but power to live for Jesus and be bold for Him. This promise is for you, not just for "super Christians."

REFLECT

Have you ever asked God to fill you with the Holy Spirit? What's holding you back?

DARE

Find a quiet spot, read Acts 2:38–39, and ask God to fill you. Tell your youth leader what happens.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, fill me. I want everything You have for me.

GO DEEPER

Pentecost was not a one time event. It was the start of a promise that is still open.

Joel 2:28–29: God promised to pour out His Spirit on all people, sons and daughters included.

Luke 11:13: The Father gladly gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

A thought to chew on: Filled is the picture of wind filling a sail. The boat does not make the wind. It just raises the sail. God is more willing to give the Holy Spirit than a good parent is to give good gifts. Ask, and raise your sail.

One more question: Have you actually asked God to fill you, out loud, in your own words?

Day 14 of 21 WEEK 2 · CHRIST IN ME

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

READ ROMANS 8:28–39 ☐ DONE

> "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."
> **Romans 8:37 (NIV)**

Week 2 done! Nothing (not stress, not failure, not your past, not your future) can separate you from God's love. You don't fight for victory; you fight from it.

REFLECT

Which part of Romans 8:35–39 hits closest to home for you right now?

DARE

Screenshot or write out Romans 8:38–39 and send it to a friend who needs it.

PRAY

God, nothing can separate me from Your love. I'm Yours.

GO DEEPER

Paul wrote Romans 8 to people under real pressure, not people with easy lives.

1 John 4:4: The One in you is greater than the one in the world.

2 Corinthians 2:14: God always leads us in victory parade in Christ.

A thought to chew on: More than conquerors is one power packed word in the original language. It means a victory so complete it is not even close. The love of God is not a prize you earn at the end. It is the ground you stand on the whole way through.

One more question: Which of the things in Romans 8:35 have you been afraid could separate you from God?

Week 2 wrap up

CHRIST IN ME

Group discussion for your youth group or small group, or talk it through with a friend.

Q1

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 out loud together. What "old" labels do students carry that God says are gone?

Q2

Romans 8:1 says there is no condemnation in Christ. Why is shame so loud, and how do we fight back with truth?

Q3

What does "keep in step with the Spirit" look like on a normal Tuesday?

Q4

Has anyone asked God to fill them with His Spirit this week? Make room to pray for each other right now.

Day 15 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

THE LIFE I NOW LIVE

READ GALATIANS 3:1–14 ☐ DONE

> "The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
> **Galatians 2:20b (NIV)**

Week 3 is about living it out. "No Longer I" doesn't stay at the altar; it walks into first period, practice, and the dinner table. Faith isn't just what you believe; it's how you live.

REFLECT

Where is God asking you to trust Him instead of yourself this week?

DARE

Pick one hard thing you've been avoiding and take the first step by faith today.

PRAY

Jesus, I'll live this life by faith in You.

GO DEEPER

Faith is not a feeling. It is where you put your weight.

Habakkuk 2:4: The righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

Hebrews 11:6: Without faith it is impossible to please God.

A thought to chew on: The righteous live by faith, and live is the key word. Faith is not just for the altar or the big moments. It is for first period, practice, and the dinner table. You put your weight on Jesus in the small stuff, and He holds.

One more question: What is one ordinary place this week where you can put your weight on Jesus instead of yourself?

Day 16 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

SALT AND LIGHT

READ MATTHEW 5:1-16 ☐ DONE

> "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
> **Matthew 5:16 (NIV)**

Jesus didn't say "try to be light." He said "you ARE the light." Your school doesn't need you to be perfect. It needs you to shine with Jesus.

REFLECT

Where at school do you feel most tempted to hide your light?

DARE

Do one good deed at school today that nobody asked you to do.

PRAY

Father, let my light shine so people see You.

GO DEEPER

Jesus said you are the light, not you should try really hard to become it.

Isaiah 60:1: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Philippians 2:15: You shine like stars in a warped and crooked generation.

A thought to chew on: A lamp does not strain to shine. It just burns where it is placed. Your school, your team, and your group chat are the lampstand. You do not have to be the brightest person in the room. You just have to stay lit.

One more question: Where has God placed you to shine that you have been treating like an accident?

Day 17 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

SET THE EXAMPLE

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16 ☐ DONE

> "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
> **1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)**

You're not the church of tomorrow; you're the church right now. God can use a Jr High or High School student to lead the way. Five areas: speech, conduct, love, faith, purity. Pick one and own it.

REFLECT

Which of the five areas is God highlighting for you?

DARE

Choose one of the five and set a specific example in it today (for example, no gossip in the group chat).

PRAY

God, use me now, right where I am.

GO DEEPER

Timothy was young, in over his head, and exactly who God wanted.

Jeremiah 1:6–8: Jeremiah said he was too young, and God said do not say that.

1 Samuel 16:7: People look at the outside, but the Lord looks at the heart.

A thought to chew on: People look at age. God looks at the heart. Jeremiah said he was too young, and God answered that He would put the words in his mouth. Your age is not a waiting room. It is an assignment.

One more question: Which of the five areas in 1 Timothy 4:12 could you start leading in this week?

Day 18 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

THANKFUL AT THE TABLE

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13 ☐ DONE

> "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
> **Philippians 4:6 (NIV)**

Happy Thanksgiving! Gratitude is a weapon against anxiety. Home can be the hardest mission field, and also the best one. Bring "No Longer I" to the table today.

REFLECT

What are three things you're genuinely thankful for right now?

DARE

Tell each person in your family one specific thing you're thankful for about them, and help clean up without being asked.

PRAY

God, thank You. Make me a blessing in my home.

GO DEEPER

Paul wrote about joy and thanksgiving from chains, not from a vacation.

1 Thessalonians 5:18: Give thanks in all circumstances, because this is God's will for you.

Psalm 100:4: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

A thought to chew on: Thanksgiving is not a mood. It is a weapon. Anxiety and gratitude cannot run the same mind at the same time. When you thank God on purpose, you are not pretending life is perfect. You are remembering who is in charge of it.

One more question: What is one hard thing right now that you can thank God in, even before it changes?

Day 19 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

DON'T GIVE UP

READ GALATIANS 6:1–10 ☐ DONE

> "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
> **Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

Some days doing the right thing feels like it's going nowhere. Paul says keep going: the harvest is coming. Your faithfulness matters more than you can see.

REFLECT

Where are you tempted to quit doing good right now?

DARE

Encourage someone who's carrying a heavy load (Gal 6:2): text, call, or show up.

PRAY

Lord, give me strength to keep doing good and not give up.

GO DEEPER

Harvests are slow, and that is exactly why people quit.

Isaiah 40:31: Those who hope in the Lord renew their strength and rise on wings.

1 Corinthians 15:58: Stand firm, because your labor in the Lord is never wasted.

A thought to chew on: Farming is mostly waiting. You plant, you water, and for a long time it looks like nothing is happening. Then it happens all at once. Your faithfulness is seed in the ground, and God is not done growing it.

One more question: Where have you been doing good without seeing results, and what would it look like to not give up?

Day 20 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

UNASHAMED

READ ROMANS 1:8-17 ☐ DONE

> "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."
> **Romans 1:16 (NIV)**

The gospel isn't something to hide. It's the power of God. You don't have to be a preacher to share it; you just have to be honest about what Jesus has done for you.

REFLECT

Who is one friend who doesn't know Jesus that you can pray for by name?

DARE

Write down your story in three sentences (before Jesus, meeting Jesus, life with Jesus) and be ready to share it.

PRAY

Jesus, I'm not ashamed of You. Give me courage to share You.

GO DEEPER

Paul was not ashamed of a message that got him beaten, jailed, and mocked.

2 Timothy 1:8: Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

Psalm 71:15–16: I will tell of Your righteous acts all day long.

A thought to chew on: The word for power in Romans 1:16 is where we get the word dynamite. The gospel does not need you to make it impressive. It carries its own power. Your job is to carry it, not to dress it up.

One more question: What would change this week if you really believed the gospel is power and not just information?

Day 21 of 21 WEEK 3 · LIVING BY FAITH

PRESS ON: THE 2027 NW YOUTH CHALLENGE

READ PHILIPPIANS 3:12-21 ☐ DONE

> "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
> **Philippians 3:13–14 (NIV)**

You made it, 21 days! But this isn't a finish line; it's a starting line. Crucified with Christ, Christ in me, living by faith: now we press on together into the 2027 NW Youth Challenge. Don't look back. Lean forward.

REFLECT

What has God done in you over these 21 days, and what are you pressing toward in 2027?

DARE

Take the 2027 NW Youth Challenge: tell your youth leader you're in, post your Day 21 with #NWYouthChallenge, and invite one friend to run 2027 with you.

PRAY

Jesus, I'm all in. No longer I, but You. Let's go into 2027 together.

GO DEEPER

Paul, near the end of his life, was still pressing forward.

Hebrews 12:1–2: Run with endurance, fixing your eyes on Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:7: I have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

A thought to chew on: Press on is a runner's word. It pictures a runner leaning so far forward their whole body strains toward the line. These 21 days were the warmup. The race is 2027 and beyond, and Jesus is both the prize and the pace setter.

One more question: What is behind you that you need to forget, and what is ahead that you are straining toward?

Week 3 wrap up

LIVING BY FAITH

Group discussion for your youth group or small group, or talk it through with a friend.

Q1

Where has God put you on mission (school, team, job, family)? Name the people you see every week.

Q2

1 Timothy 4:12 says not to let anyone look down on you because you're young. Where can students set the example this month?

Q3

Who is one person each of us will pray for and invite into our group or church?

Q4

Day 21 calls us into the 2027 NW Youth Challenge. What do we want to press into together as a group this year?