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The Ever-Continuing Journey

Twenty-five years after his blinding encounter with the very Jesus he was persecuting, Paul became a prisoner in Rome, under guard, but allowed to be in his own rented house, with the freedom to preach and encourage everyone who came to him and to write, and send, letters to the many churches he had started. He had acquired significant status within the rapidly growing Church through his travels, his preaching and teaching, his lavishly expressed love for all the saints. Despite his growing renown, he always remembered his dubious beginnings: his colossal blunder, his overblown ego, his misplaced pride of status. His written communications to his friends and fellow believers were re-centering, corrective, positive, and deeply personal.

Philippians 3

1. Philippians 3:12 – Ever-continuing _____
2. Philippians 3:10 – Ever-continuing _____
3. Philippians 3:7 – Ever-continuing _____
4. Philippians 3:1 – Ever-continuing _____

Seek to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life.
- Alexander MacLaren

Joy, not grit, is the hallmark of holy obedience. We need to be light-hearted in what we do to avoid taking ourselves too seriously. It is a cheerful revolt against self and pride.
- Richard J. Foster