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Philippians 3:17-4:1

“Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

We are to be more like Christ, to pattern our lives after him! Not just when it is easy or when we are with our Church family, but in everyday life. On days when we see others cutting corners in their jobs, filing their taxes, in the treatment of their neighbors. We need to be Christians all day every day. To learn from those who do so as an example! Our Pastor and our small group friends, those we love and admire. We need to always stay true to the Lord. We are his joy, the reward he receives for all his work.

I remember my daughter saying to me, but Mom everyone is doing it! My reply was: so if they all jump off a cliff are you going to follow? She would be like really Mom? The truth is it isn't a nice world, people have their own agenda they want to get ahead at any cost. That is not accepted in our father's eyes. Sometimes we witness this and think it's such a small thing, taking something from work, not getting charged for something at a store — it's still stealing, Jesus didn't do that and neither should we. We are only kidding ourselves. God knows and see's all! That's why it is also important to keep company with fellow Christians those with integrity and true faith to learn from their example. We need to remember to always choose God and his way, just like his son.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father please guide us in your way to follow the example of your son. If we stay true to you we will see you in heaven. Help us to make you happy by doing the right thing here on earth everyday Amen.

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