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- Radical amnesia

Philippians 3:13-14 (TPT)

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.



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- **Love others selflessly**
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