



THE BOOK OF  
**PHILIPPIANS**



Our Scripture reading for this morning can be found  
in Philippians 3:1-11.

This is the reading of the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





# CONTEXT





# PAUL'S STORY





Superior cultural heritage

Superior education

Superior activism

Superior competence





# COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

“CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN ABILITY”





# ACHIEVEMENT PATH





# **INSECURE OVERACHIEVER**





There's something particularly sad about it, something that doesn't have very much to do with physical circumstances, or the economy, or any of the stuff that gets talked about in the news. It's more like a stomach-level sadness. I see it in myself and my friends in different ways. It manifests itself as a kind of lostness. The sadness that the book is about, and that I was going through, was a real American-type of sadness.





I was white, upper-middle-class, obscenely well educated, had way more career success than I could have legitimately hoped for and was sort of adrift. A lot of my friends were the same way. Some of them were deeply into drugs, others were unbelievable workaholics. Some were going to singles bars every night. You could see it played out in 20 different ways, but it's the same thing.

David Foster  
Wallace





# PIVOT





# COMMUNION FRAMEWORK

## “CONFIDENCE IN KNOWING JESUS”





# KNOWING CHRIST





For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19





But now that you have come to know God, or rather to  
be known by God...

Galatians 4:9





You don't climb the second mountain the way you climb the first mountain. You conquer your first mountain. You identify the summit, and you claw your way toward it. You are conquered by the second mountain. You surrender to some summons...On the first mountain you tend to be ambitious, strategic, and independent. On the second mountain you tend to be relational, intimate, and relentless.

David Brooks





# **BECOMING LIKE HIM: DEATH & RESURRECTION**





1. Telling Your Story
2. Practicing Being Known

