

# Where's Your Chair?

Philippians 3 2-11



Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.  
Psalm 66:14

## **Praising:**

Forbid it, Lord, that I should  
boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my  
God;  
all the vain things that charm me  
most,  
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

## **Reading:**

Philippians 3:2-11  
A warning

St Paul warns the Philippians not to centre their lives on their own personal achievements, even if these seem to be spiritual achievements. The experience of St Paul is that coming to know the Lord Jesus in a real and personal way is far more important. Indeed it is the only thing that is important. Learning, zeal, righteousness: Paul lists off the merits and qualifications he

thought he was piling up in his former life as a Jew. But in the new light of his own direct encounter with Jesus, all these supposedly worthwhile and valuable things are, by comparison, rubbish. What Paul is talking about is discovering Christ, not just amassing information about him but meeting with him. He describes not just a connection but a relationship, and one which is drawing him ever deeper into God's love.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

As the options and choices of life unfold before us Lord

- we pray for strength to look past what is empty and worthless
- we pray for wisdom to see clearly what is valuable and true
- we pray for humility to put Christ at the centre of everything we want to be

Father: so much in my life demands my time and energy but it is fading and passing and empty. Grant me the will and determination, above all other things, to know more of your Son. Amen

## **Doing:**

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