

ROCKY RIVER CHURCH
WRAP UP AND RAMP UP
STAND ALONE MESSAGE – DECEMBER 28, 2025
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Philippians 3:12-16 (NIV)

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

{Three **Action Steps** for how to wrap up the old year and ramp up to the new year with faith, purpose, and joy.}

STEP #1. BE HONEST ABOUT _____.

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” -Philippians 3:12

Be honest about where you are spiritually and ask yourself to tough questions – questions like:

- Where did I grow?
- Where did I drift?
- How is my prayer life?
- What did God tell me to do – say – or give, but I said, “Later”?

STEP #2. LET GO OF _____.

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind...” -Philippians 3:13

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” -Isaiah 43:19

STEP #3. PRESS TOWARD _____.

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...”

-Philippians 3:13

THREE WAYS TO RAMP UP THE NEW YEAR SPIRITUALLY:

1. Ramp up your pursuit of Jesus.

Adopt daily practices that draw you closer to Jesus:

- Consistent Scripture intake
- Honest prayer
- Weekly worship as a commitment, not an option
- Repentance when the Spirit convicts

2. Ramp up obedience.

Ask:

- What is God already asking me to do?
- What step have I been delaying?
- Where have I been negotiating?

Delayed obedience is disobedience.

3. Ramp up your mission mindset.

The world desperately needs Jesus. Someone you know needs the hope of the Gospel. Someone...

- In your family
- On your street
- At your school
- In your workplace

So ask God:

- *“Who are you sending me to?”*
- *“Who am I praying for this year?”*

- *“Who am I inviting, encouraging, discipling?”*

