



# Road Trip

## GETTING UNSTUCK

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Philippians 3:12 – 14

Pastor Troy Avery, Guest Speaker

Pastor Troy has been in Christian ministry for nearly 25 years. He is currently serving as the Senior Director of Forest Home Ojai Valley, a Christian Camping organization where he has served four years. He also currently serves as the interim Pastor of the Ojai Valley Baptist Church. Prior to these roles, he was a Chaplain in the US Navy for a decade, with global assignments in Afghanistan, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Greece, and Italy. He also served as the English-speaking Pastor for Stockton Chinese Baptist Church for 5 years before his time in the military. Pastor Troy has been the husband to the lovely Hajnal Avery for 22 years, and is the father of 2 beautiful daughters, Eloise (15) and Anna (12). Some of his favorite things are family time, travelling, motorcycle riding, and a rescue miniature poodle named Peaches.

### MESSAGE NOTES

#### ACKNOWLEDGE — We have not arrived

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, ... — Philippians 3:12a*

*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. ... — Philippians 3:13a*

#### ACCEPT — Christ has taken hold of you

*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*

*My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one. — John 10:27 – 30*

#### ACT — Press on toward the goal

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on ... — Philippians 3:12a*

*... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 3:13 – 14*



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What key truths did you take away from the teaching on Sunday?
- Which part of the passage (Philippians 3:12 – 14) stood out to you the most?
- How might accepting that we have not arrived, and will not this side of heaven, change your attitude toward yourself? How might it change your attitude toward God?
- When you understand that Christ has taken hold of you, how might this help you find more rest in God?
- Why do you think our adversary desires that we focus on our failures, or areas in our life where we know we fall short?
- If you were to spend just 5 minutes a day meditating your on future resurrected state (no trace of sin, suffering or death), how might that affect how you experience life here and now?
- What does straining toward the goal of our upward call in Christ look like at this point in your life?