Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church The Lord's Day, January 31, 2021

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Heb. 12:1-2a

SERMON: Gains and Losses SCRIPTURES: Phil 1:21, 3:7-14; Acts 9:15-16; Acts 26:12-18; 1 Cor. 13:11; Heb 12:1-3

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10:50 A	M Church Family Announcements 11 AM Morning Worship	
Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Welcome		Pastor Paul
*Scripture Reading and Prayer	1 Peter 3:8-17, 4:1-2	Pastor Paul
*Praise Songs	<i>"Majesty"</i> "In the Presence of Jehovah"	
Children's Sermon		Pastor Karen
Hymn of Preparation	"I Am Resolved" vv. 1,3,4,5	Page 566
Pastoral Prayer	vv. 1,5,4,5	Pastor Paul
Ministry in Music	"Press On"	Pastor Karen
Sermon	Gains and Losses	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Dedication	"I'll Live for Him" vv.1,3	Page 590
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Let Us Keep to the Point by Oswald Chambers

"...my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." —<u>Phil 1:20</u>

It is as if Paul were saying, "My determined purpose is to be my utmost for His highest— my best for His glory." To reach that level of determination is a matter of the will, not of debate or of reasoning. It is absolute and irrevocable surrender of the will at that point. An undue amount of thought and consideration for ourselves is what keeps us from making that decision, although we cover it up with the pretense that it is others we are considering. When we think seriously about what it will cost others if we obey the call of Jesus, we tell God He doesn't know what our obedience will mean. Keep to the point— He does know. Shut out every other thought and keep yourself before God in this one thing only— my utmost for His highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and Him alone.

My Unstoppable Determination for His Holiness. "Whether it means life or death-it makes no difference!" (see <u>Philippians 1:21</u>). Paul was determined that nothing would stop him from doing exactly what God wanted. But before we choose to follow God's will, a crisis must develop in our lives. This happens because we tend to be unresponsive to God's gentler nudges. He brings us to the place where He asks us to be our utmost for Him and we begin to debate. He then providentially produces a crisis where we have to decide— for or against. That moment becomes a great crossroads in our lives. If a crisis has come to you on any front, surrender your will to Jesus absolutely and irrevocably.

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