

# Message Notes

JULY 28, 2019

9:30 & 11:00am

*Pastor Bill Ehmann*

## "Making One Thing the Main Thing"

*Philippians 3:12-16*

There are more good things to involve our time than hours to do them. Managing our time is a life-long journey. When we think we have this under control, our circumstances change and we must adjust to the current challenges.

Luke 10:38-42 records a helpful story of what Jesus considers priority. Martha was doing many good things while Mary listened to Jesus. In the big picture of life, is it more important to serve lunch or to hear what Jesus wants to teach us?

Perhaps the Apostle Paul had this in mind when he wrote in Philippians 3:13 - "This one thing I do." Followers of Jesus need to make one thing the main thing: Let go and let God.

3. Followers of Jesus making the journey together

vs 15-16

Forgetting the past does not suggest memory lapse but rather a determined neglect of its ongoing influence over us. Success or failure of our past need not keep us from being useful in the present.

Too much focus on the future can keep us from being useful today. It can interrupt our gratefulness for the present. At the end of each day, we want to be able to feel that we fulfilled at least a part of what God left us here to do.

1. Statement of humility and Determination v. 12

2. Balanced "leaving behind" and "pressing forward"  
vs 13-14

## NEXT SUNDAY

August 4,  
2019  
9:30 &  
11:00 A.M.

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### "REMEMBERING OUR HOMELAND"

*Philippians 3:17-21*

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service