

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – MITCHELL TAN
“THAT I MAY KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION”
Phil. 3:7-14 **040508**

(I) THE CONTEXT OF SPEAKING OF GOD WORKING IN OUR LIVES

1. Tracing the idea to the Biblical Source

*“The LORD will perfect that which concerns me;
Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.” Psalm 138:8*

2. Applied in the Philippian Context

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

(II) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PAUL’S FOCUS ON THE POWER OF GOD

1. Dealing with a lack of power in his life previously – in times past.

*“...If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew
of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;
concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in
the law, blameless.
But what things were gained to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.” Philippians
3:4-7*

2. Desiring to know how the power of the Lord worked.

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...” Philippians 3:10

3. Determining to fulfil a personal destiny of life

*“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may
lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.” Philippians 3:12*

(III) PAUL’S QUEST TO DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE LORD IN HIS LIFE

1. Through a growing knowledge of Christ

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...” Philippians 3:10

“...for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...” Philippians 3:8

2. Through fellowshiping with Christ in suffering

*“...and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” Philippians 3:10-11*

3. Through focusing on pressing forward

*“But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press on toward the goal...” **Philippians 3:13-14***

(IV) THE CONFIDENCE OF GOD COMPLETING HIS WORK IN US

*“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” **Philippians 1:6***

- 1. Being confident of God’s power working in our life**
- 2. Being confident at the day of Jesus Christ**