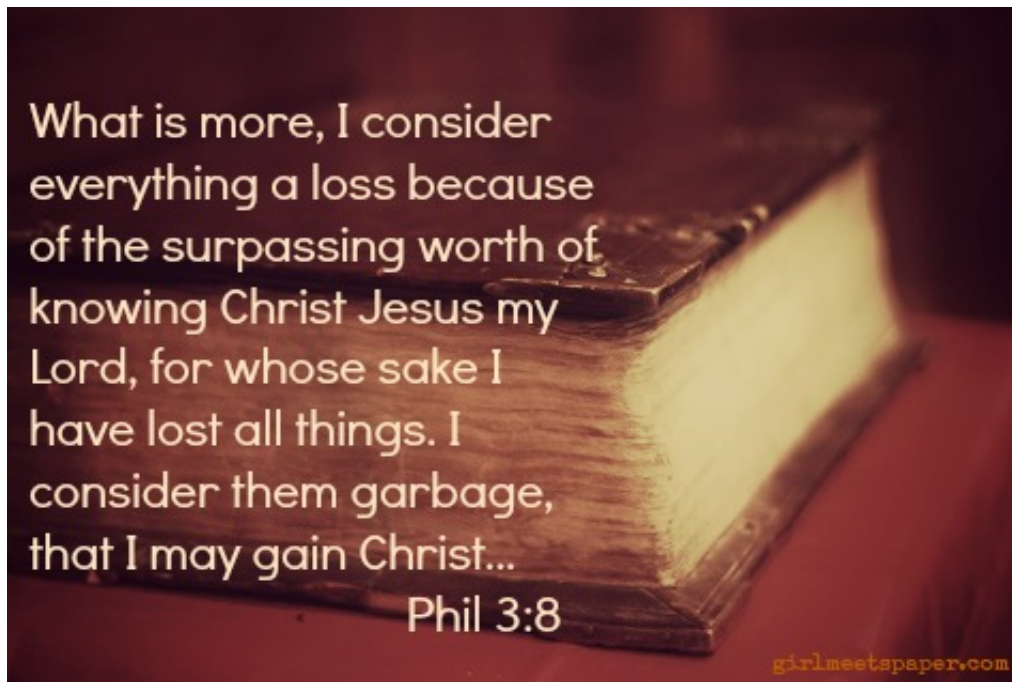


## Monday Morning Meditation: Phil 3:8

### *Lenten Series:*



Earlier this month I had the opportunity to go to Moody Bible Institute's [Founder's Week](#) to hear some of the brightest Bible teachers of our day teach about *Knowing Christ*.

Philippians 3:8 was their theme verse of the week.

When I look at this verse through fresh eyes this Lenten Season, I suck my breath in, raise both eyebrows, blow stray bangs from my eyes and ask myself:

**Do I really believe this?**

**And perhaps equally as important, do I *live* as though I believe it?**

### **Is Everything Else Really Loss for *Me*?**

One of my favorite blogs (on the topic of writing as a craft) is Jeff Goins: Writer. He recently

published a great post about [why he's given up coffee](#) this season.

Making sacrifices, giving things up, or "losing things", is a part of the Lenten tradition.

**To help us know him better.**

**To help us relate in some shadow of a way; in some foggy, breath-on-the-bathroom-mirror sort of way -- to the sufferings of Christ.**

Over the years I've chosen to give things up, too:

- *checking email only once a day;*
- *not eating anything after dinner*
- *chocolate*
- *staying up late*

I'd be lying if I said that each of those years I wasn't counting the days until Easter -- the day all bets are off. Why?

Too often, the thrill of knowing Christ is lost in the thrill of personal achievement; it is forgotten in the rush of days we spend loving our kids; and it is diminished in quiet moments spent looking around the next corner.

**Does knowing Christ hold surpassing worth for me?** And if I blurt out a quick "yes," would my calendar and bank statement agree?

**This Lent I'm not focusing on giving something up. Instead, I'm focusing on gaining something:**

**A deeper knowledge of Christ;** a friendship that surpasses Bible verses memorized and flannel graphs slapped on a Sunday School story board.

This Lent I'm giving my heart to an intimate *knowing*.

Join me?

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**If you are joining us today and would like to participate in our link-up, we'd be honored to have your voice in the conversation! Simply:**

1. Write a post on your own blog that incorporates a story or your thoughts about this verse and its application in your own life. **-OR-**
2. Enlighten us with your theological take on the verse. **-OR-**
3. Post a photo that captures the essence of this verse.
4. Leave a comment with the same if you don't have a blog to link up!

THEN...

Follow the linky button below to "link up"! **Once you've linked up you *must* visit the person ahead of you in the list! Let's be encouragers!**