The Key To Everything - February 14, 2016 "Successfully Teachable"

1. Success is the #1 thing that will make us <u>unteachable</u>.

- **a.** We actually get to a place where we fill like we have arrived.
- **b.** We get to a place where we subconsciously like that other people know that we are successful.
- **c.** If we are all being honest we like the recognition.

3 ways to remain teachable while experiencing Success:

Although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Philippians 3:3-7 (NASB)

2. We have to see ourselves differently.

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:8-11 (NASB)

3. We Have To Live Our Lives Differently.

Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NASB)

4. We Have To Remember...
We Will Never Have It All Figured Out.

"We must recognize that success is fragile and temporary."

~Matt Keller

- **a.** The truth is <u>Success</u> comes and goes.
- **b.** Wise is the person who holds it <u>loosely</u>.

So, let me ask us 2 closing questions this weekend:

- 1.) Are you following Christ because you Need Him?
- 2.) Do you have an appropriate view of success?
- There is a prize at the end of this crazy life... Eternal Life with Jesus

Announcements:

Feb. 21^{st} - Connect 1.0 & 2.0 @ 5:30 PM Come find out more about Awaken and learn how to get Connected! Dinner & Childcare Provided!

March 13th - Kids Pajama Day! This is also Daylight Savings Day... Set your clocks forward on Saturday night!