

IronWorks: **True Lives: You can't fake know-how**

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“Commanding” Philippians 3:1-11

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Commanding Yourself in the Midst of Confusion

① Find Truth North:

- **Command Your Mind** (*“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.”* Philippians 3:1)

“Being lost is not a location; it is a transformation. It is a failure of the mind. It can happen in the woods or it can happen in life.” Deep Survival, Laurence Gonzales, p. 166

- **Watch Out: Don't “bend the map”** (*“Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.”* Philippians 3:2)

“I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.” --Daniel Boone

- **Stay Humble**

“No confidence in the flesh” (*“For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh...”*
Philippians 3:3)

- ② **Don't Over-Exert Yourself:** (*“...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.”* Philippians 4-6)

- **Paul's heroics left him spiritually dead.**

③ **Travel Light:** (*“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.”* Philippians 3:7-9)

- **The Fork in the Road: Pleasing God or Trusting God?**

“Everyone who dies out there dies of confusion. Researchers are always amazed to find people who have died in possession of everything they needed to survive.” --Laurence Gonzales

④ **Look For Water:** (*“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.”* Philippians 3:10-11)

- **Faith, Knowledge, Power, Fellowship**

Small Group Discussion Questions

- ① Do you feel that God is disappointed with you somehow? Explain.
- ② How are you learning to trust God with yourself?
- ③ What practices or disciplines help you find fellowship with Jesus Christ?