

SERMON NOTE: Let's Press On

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Philippians 3:12-14 NIV
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Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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How are we doing as Christians at this stage? What we want to be? What's or goal in life?

For Paul, is to be like CHRIST

Before the versus above, Philippians 3:8-10 NIV

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, 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 on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

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The word Press On, means to over extend oneself to do better or achieve more.

At least 3 things we need to do to Press On

Realize we have no arrived yet (V12), although he had already done a lot, he is humble enough to be aware of there are more to do to the goal of being like CHRIST.

Chuck Swindoll: "GOD is seeking progress, NOT perfection"

Philippians 3:13 NIV

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Release Our Past

v13 Forgetting what is behind, we don't have to fulfill our

responsibility, if did wrong to someone, go and ask for forgiveness, wrong, we change, but do live in and hold on to the pass, or live in guilt, for GOD had forgiven us.

1 John 1:9 NIV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/1jn.1.9.NIV>

Two reasons we need to forget the past:

First, we have tendency to be affected by the past.

Second, we have tendency to rest on the past.

We achieved something, but let's not be happy n satisfied with just that, or thinking that's great work done, it was GOD who enabled us, rejoice but continue n move on.

Learn from the past, make peace, celebrate, but move on.



Press On

V14, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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Press on towards the goal to win the prize, for which GOD called me Heavenward in CHRIST JESUS.

Yesterday is History, tomorrow is mystery, but today is a gift. That's why it is called the "present".

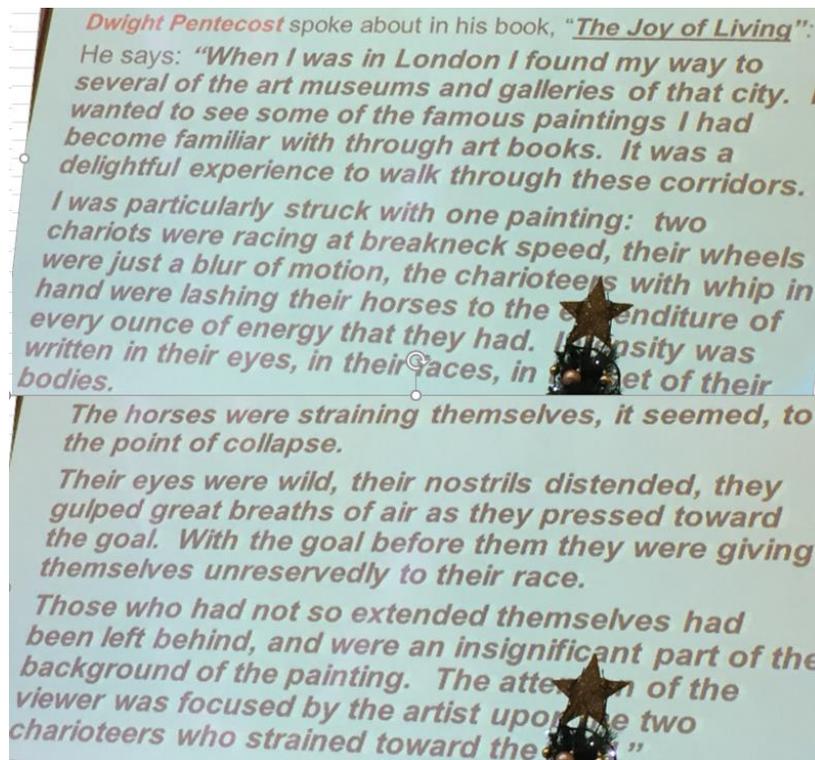
Follow CHRIST, love CHRIST, serve CHRIST and know CHRIST

Keep your eyes on the goal.

Charlie Paddock, name what you want to be and believe that GOD will bless it:

4 things you need to achieve your goal

1. Determination
2. Defecation
3. Discipline
4. Attitude



Paul had Fought good Fight, Ran good Race and Kept a good Faith.

