

# Pressin' On

*Philippians 3:10-14* I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, **(11)** so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! **(12)** I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. **(13)** No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **(14)** I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

## 1. You move when you have a reason that motivates you.

"I want to know Christ"

*Colossians 1:9-10* We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. **(10)** Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

## 2. You move when you have a purpose that fulfills you.

"experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,"

*James 2:18-20* "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." **(19)** You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. **(20)** How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

*James 2:26* Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works

*Romans 5:1-4* Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us...**(3)** We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. **(4)** And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

## 3. You move when you have a reward that inspires you.

"so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!"

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