

## Press On

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**Philippians 3:13-14:** 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, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Illustration:

- Car: windshield and the mirror. In essence it's just showing us the significance of looking forward.
- Sometimes we're always looking to our past, we find our identity and purpose when we look back

### Jeremiah 29:11

God does not have a Plan B for your life, **Romans 11:29** - for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

Illustration:

- It's always the worst when something that's supposed to work and it does not?
- WIFI, can someone relate?
- What do you do when your plans does not prevail?
- I have found out, when I don't got it all right, God is Faithful
- Even when the enemy strikes me down, God will turn it for the Good

**Proverbs 16:9** - In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

I want us to look at 4 things to Press on from:

#### 1. **Move past disappointments, failures & delays :**

- All of us have disappointments, delays, we get messed up in the head. As a man thinketh for his life, so He is... (**Proverbs 27:7**).
- The battle is in the Mind. **2 Timothy 1:7**. The armour of God, put on the **helmet of Salvation...** (**Ephesians 6**).
- Example of Job, he was having the worst day man! #WorstDayEver His Wife's mind went crazy...Let's look at **Job 2:9-10**. May our response be like his today!

- The Psalmist says in **Psalms 34:1**- I will bless the Lord at ALL times, His Praise will continually be on my lips...

## 2. Jesus sees beyond our Failure: examples...

- Jesus & Zacchaeus, Jesus & the woman at the well, Jesus and the woman with the flow of blood. Let's look at this list...
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Lead, Gedeon, Peter, Paul. Jesus says bring me your worst, I'll give you my best...
- **Isaiah 61:2-5**. I wonder what's in your mind today... What is your worst today? This is the New Covenant!

## 3. Stay the Course:

- Please do not quit what God has for you. Don't you quit... I may be down but I ain't quitting. One thing I think we need as a generation is PERSEVERANCE.
- We're all in this microwave world, we want results so quickly. Don't give up! We look for goosebumps right? Even in our spiritual lives, when things seem dry, what's our response? (Acts 16)
- Generation of Trends & Popular Culture
- We need to set our gaze on Christ and Him Alone
- In the end of our race we need to have these words ringing in our souls just like, Apostle Paul says I have won the **race, fought the good fight**.
- This life is a race, meaning a number of steps to finish that Goal. Let's remember that in each step to take it with our Heavenly Father.

## 4. Always Remember, You are destined for Greatness:

- You can say that now, How can you say that? But can I encourage you today? **1 Corinthians 2:9**. Jesus did this with everyone he met, his disciples (tax collectors, fisherman, I got a plan for you, I got a Kingdom to build).
- Your present does not define your destiny!
- God has a plan, a purpose. Look at Apostle Paul as an example.
- **1 Peter 2:9**, He has a calling for us as a generation.

I am convinced the one thing that enables me to Press On is having this relationship with our beautiful saviour Jesus!

Look at what He did for us on the Cross (Garbage man Illustration), what's our response to Him? Let's Worship & Adore the face of the One who took it ALL for us on the Cross. Listen the Good News can sometimes be old news, but the Truth of the matter is that the Good News is STILL the Good News. It still saves us, it still restores us, it still brings peace, it brings us joy, it is our salvation!

Let's go back to that Good News and embrace Jesus, that's our motivation to Press On.  
Jesus is our EVERYTHING.