

# KEEP ON MOVING



## Key Scripture-

Philippians 3.12-14

## GROW-

Romans 5.1 // Ephesians 1.4, 1.13 // Philippians 3 // 1 Corinthians 3.18

## LIVE-

***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.***

Chapter 3 of Philippians surrounds Paul's deep desire to allow zero confidence in the race he ran with his head, and complete confidence in what Jesus would do in his heart. A race towards becoming more like Jesus. A race where the end goal isn't a trophy or a medal, or even a podium, but the position of being found "in Christ." To be "in Christ" means you are united and bound to Him. It means that you have believed in Him as Savior, have asked for His forgiveness from your sin, and trusted Him to transform your life into something new. This race begins when we are honest and dissatisfied with who we can make ourselves into, and come to the understanding that alone we will always fall short, and we cannot truly make lasting change apart from the One who created us to be transformed into His glorious image. So to "press on" means to take aggressive action towards pursuing the transformative life only Jesus can provide. It means to lean into the fullness of running a race for the purposes of God, and not the purpose of earthly gain.

## LOVE-

Jesus is the goal. In this life and in the next. Salvation can't be just about getting to heaven. If he desire is to get to heaven in order to avoid hell we are missing the point of everything that makes heaven so desirable. Heaven isn't a destination or a place. Heaven is the presence of Jesus.

## LOOK-

What are you striving to attain? And are the things you are pouring out your energy to accomplish the same things God has pouring out His Spirit inside of you to do?