

**Service:** Go Church

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**Message:** Pressing Toward The Goal

### **Philippians 3: 12-14**

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **KEYS TO PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL**

#### **1. Go forward**

##### **Exodus 14: 13-14**

<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

#### **2. Breakthrough comes from God**

##### **Isaiah 45:1-3**

Thus says the LORD to His anointed to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings. To open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut. <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and make the crooked places straight. I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden

riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD. Who call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

### 3. Remember that God is also in the silence

**Job 23: 8-12**

<sup>8</sup> Look, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him. <sup>9</sup> When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him. When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him.<sup>10</sup> But He knows the way that I take. When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. <sup>11</sup> My foot has held fast to His steps. I have kept His way and not turned aside. <sup>12</sup> I have not departed from the commandment of His lips. I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.

### 4. Remember that God is with you

**Isaiah 41: 10**

Fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

### 5. Understand your seasons

**1 Chronicles 12:32**

<sup>32</sup> of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command.

### 6. Faith conquers

**Hebrews 11:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: <sup>33</sup> who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again.

## **7. Remember that true rest is found in Jesus**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

**<sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”**

## **8. It is God who exalts His people**

**1 Samuel 2:8**

**He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap. To set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory.**

## **9. God dwells with the contrite and humble**

**Isaiah 57:15**

**For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

## **10. Christ in you the hope of glory**

**Colossians 1:27-28**

**<sup>27</sup> To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.**

## **11. God’s glory is our portion**

**Isaiah 60: 1-3**

**Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and deep darkness the people. But the LORD will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon**

**you.<sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**