

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pressing Forward | Pastor Daniel Floyd
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Scripture

Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, all who are mature, let's have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that to you as well; however, let's keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

Philippians 3:12-16

Main Idea

God calls us to a deeper place in our faith, but we tend to play it safe rather than step forward. We settle for less than the inheritance we have in Christ. That is not God's design for our lives. He calls us to a life of adventure.

WE NEED TO FORGET

Pastor Daniel Floyd challenged us to forget what is behind us, our failures and mistakes, because they can keep us from taking next steps. Where do you need to remember God's grace so that you can forget your past?

WE NEED TO PRESS FORWARD

Pressing forward infers that there is resistance. If we never pick up heavier weights, we will never grow in strength. Where is God using resistance to grow your faith muscles?

What areas of your life are you settling for less and playing it safe?

Summary

God is more interested in your conformity to His plan than your comfort. Paul could press forward because he believed that where he was, was not where God was leading. There is always more. Like Paul, we need to forget our past so that it no longer hinders God's destiny for each of us. We need to press forward through the upward leading of God.

Call To Action

1. Stop praying against the “resistance,” and allow God to use it as a tool and opportunity to help you press forward.
2. Take some time this week to reflect and identify areas where you may be “languishing” and accepting a “that’s just the way it is” mentality.
3. What action steps can you now take to get back into the game and “press forward?”