



PRESSING THROUGH

(Philippians 3:14)

Philippians 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ I **press** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Message: In our pressing forward to spiritual maturity, we must **press through** different hindering obstacles.

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- I. WE NEED TO **PRESS THROUGH DOUBT AND DISBELIEF** (Mark 9:24)

Mark 9:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears,
“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

- II. WE NEED TO **PRESS THROUGH DISTRACTIONS**
(Hebrews 12:2)

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

² **looking** (*looking away from something and focus*) unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of *our* faith, ...

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III. WE NEED TO **PRESS THROUGH DEVASTATING TRIALS AND CIRCUMSTANCES** (Acts 14:22; James 1:2; James 1:12)

Acts 14:22 (NKJV)

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and saying, “**We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.**”

James 1:2 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into **various trials**,

James 1:12 (ESV)

¹² Blessed is the man who **remains steadfast under trial**, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

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IV. WE NEED TO **PRESS THROUGH**

DISCOURAGEMENTS (Psalm 42:5-6; 1 Samuel 30:6)

Psalm 42:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ **Why are you cast down, O my soul?**

And *why* are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him

For the help of His countenance.

⁶ **O my God, my soul is cast down within me;**...

1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. **But David strengthened (encouraged) himself in the Lord his God.**