Pressing On To Know Jesus More
Philippians 3:12-14

"The Christian life is a river so shallow the smallest child can stand in its current, with no fear of drowning - yet it's so deep the most brilliant theologian can swim in it forever, and never touch bottom."

Stand and Read
v12 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.
v13 *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,*
v14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

"*To know Jesus is an* ***inexhaustible*** *experience. It's a well so cavernous, its depths can never be plunged."*

Paul's Personal Testimony vv4-11
Romans 4:5-6 *But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.*

A Healthy Dissatisfaction v12a
Spiritual growth and maturity starts with a **recognition** that you're **not** where you **ought** to be!

A Maximum Pursuit v12b
1 Timothy 6:12 *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called...*
Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*
Ephesians 4:14-15 *that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.*

A Focused Attention v13
Forgetting the Past
Reaching Forward

Pressing Toward the Goal v14
1 Corinthians 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all,*
1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 3:14-15 *If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*