Acts 8:39-40

The Pressure To Press On

- **1. Press On C<u>onfidently</u>**
  - **Acts 8:39**, "The Spirit of the Lord **<u>snatched</u>** (*harpazo*) Philip away."
    - *Harpazo* - har-pad'-zo — to seize by force; snatch up, suddenly and decisively (like someone seizing a bounty, spoil, or prize); to take by an open display of force not covertly or secretly.
  - **Matthew 12:29**, "How can anyone enter the strong man's house and **<u>carry off his property</u>**, unless he first binds the strong man? Then he will plunder his house."
  - **Colossians 1:13**, "For He **<u>rescued us</u>** from the domain of darkness, and **<u>transferred us</u>** to the kingdom of His beloved Son
  - **John 10:28-29**, "**<u>My sheep hear My voice</u>**, and I know them, and they follow Me; and **<u>I give eternal life to them</u>**, and they will never perish; and **<u>no one will snatch them</u>** out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **<u>no one is able to snatch them</u>** out of the Father's hand."
  - **2 Corinthians 12:2-4**, "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago…was **<u>caught up</u>** into Paradise."
  - **Do I have confidence in my salvation?**
- **2. Press On C<u>ompassionately</u>**
  - **Acts 8:40**, "Philip found himself **<u>at Azotus</u>**."
  - **1 Samuel 5:7**, The men of Ashdod saw it and said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for **<u>His hand is severe on us</u>** and on Dagon our god."
  - **1 Samuel 5:11-12**, "**<u>Send away the ark</u>** of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, so that it will not kill us." The hand of God was very heavy there…and the cry of the city **<u>went up to heaven</u>**.
  - **1 Samuel 6:20**, "**<u>Who is able</u>** to stand before the Lord, this holy God?"
  - **Exodus 34:6-7**, "The Lord, the Lord God, **<u>compassionate and gracious</u>**, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; **<u>who keeps</u>** lovingkindness for

thousands, **who forgives** iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means **leave the guilty unpunished**."

- **Lamentation 3:31-32**, "The Lord **will not reject forever**, if He causes grief, then **He will have compassion** according to His abundant lovingkindness (devotion)."
- **2 Corinthians 5:20**, "Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were making an appeal through us."
- **Who can I be more compassion with?**

- **3. Press On Cheerfully**
  - **Acts 8:40**, "As he **passed through** he **kept preaching** the gospel to all the cities, **until** he came to Caesarea."
  - **Philippians 3:20**, "For our citizenship **is in heaven**."
  - **Luke 10:20**, "Rejoice that **your names are recorded** in heaven."
  - **This place is not our forever home.**