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Forgetting, Reaching, Pressing On...With Joy

Our church motto is: "Drawing near to God **& Doing** everything He says"

James 1:22 But prove yourselves **doers of the word**, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

What are we supposed to do according to Jesus?

Jn 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do, he will do also**; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

- **Mt 10:1** cast out unclean spirits / heal every kind of disease and sickness
- **Mk 16:15-18** preach the gospel to all creation / cast out demons / speak with new tongues / have authority over the enemy / lay hands on the sick and they will recover
- **Mt 28:18-20** make disciples of all the nations / baptizing / teaching
- **1 Pt 4:10 / 1 Cor 12:7 / Eph 4:7** – All believers have a gift, but different ones **Rm 12:6-8**

James 5:16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. (AMPC)

Matthew 14 A Look at Peter: A Faith Failure or Falter?

Mt 14:19 Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves **He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds...**

- "little faith" = **faith that lacks confidence or trusts too little**. It was actually a tender rebuke. Jesus was saying, it was **underdeveloped faith as opposed to outright unbelief or distrust**.
- Peter's initial act of faith - getting out of the boat and walking - was not the brunt of Jesus' remarks. It was **the lack of ability to sustain his faith**, especially after all Peter had experienced thus far.

Mark 6:51-52 "...they had not gained any **insight** from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened." (NASB)

- **They just experienced Jesus' unlimited ability to provide for others, but they were unable to see that He would take care of them as well; they couldn't make the connection to personal faith**
- The lesson: the bread multiplied in their hands, meaning they had the power to rebuke the storm too

Can we reframe what you've experienced in the past? God is saying, "It was not a **faith failure**; it was a **faith falter**"; it's only a **failure** if you fail to learn and apply what you learned from the experience

Philippians 1:6 *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become **perfect**, but I **press on** so that I may **lay hold of** that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. (NASB)

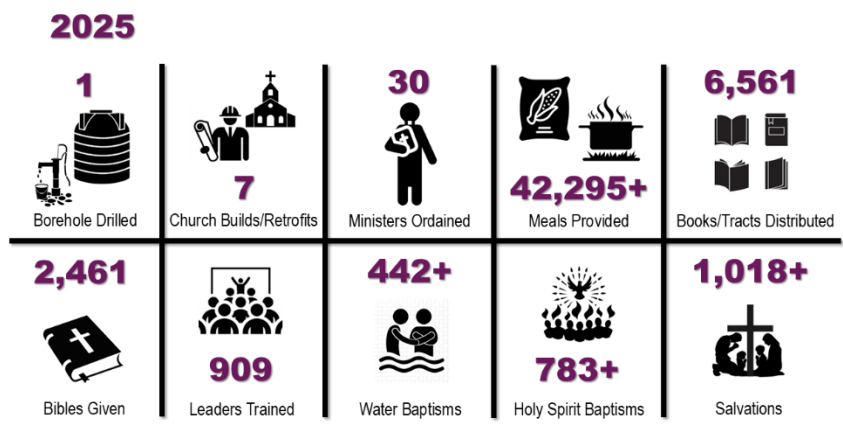
I admit that I haven't yet acquired the **absolute fullness** that I'm pursuing, but **I run with passion** into his abundance so that I may **reach the purpose** that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. (TPT)

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing / 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.

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. (TPT)

Philippians 3:14 I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus. (TPT)

Forget The Past, Reach Forward, Press On



Have you had some stormy experiences that left your heart hardened?

- That was not the intention
- You were supposed to gain “**insight**” that would help you later in life

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked are overthrown by calamity

2 Cor 4:7-9 But we have this treasure in earthen containers, so that the extraordinary greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed...

In 2026 – Let's be found Doing

In 2026 – Let's forget the past, reach forward, and press on...with joy!