

2025

Look back and
thank Jesus.

2026

Look forward and
trust Jesus.

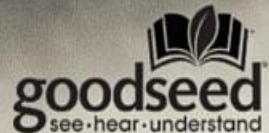
We are therefore
Christ's ambassadors,
as though God were
making his appeal
through us.

2 Cor 5:20

NEW YEAR. NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

Be ready.

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Edward Church

January 4, 2026

***Preparing for
the New Year***

Phil 3:13–14

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**RESET,
REALIGN,
RUN!**

**RESET, READJUST,
REFOCUS**

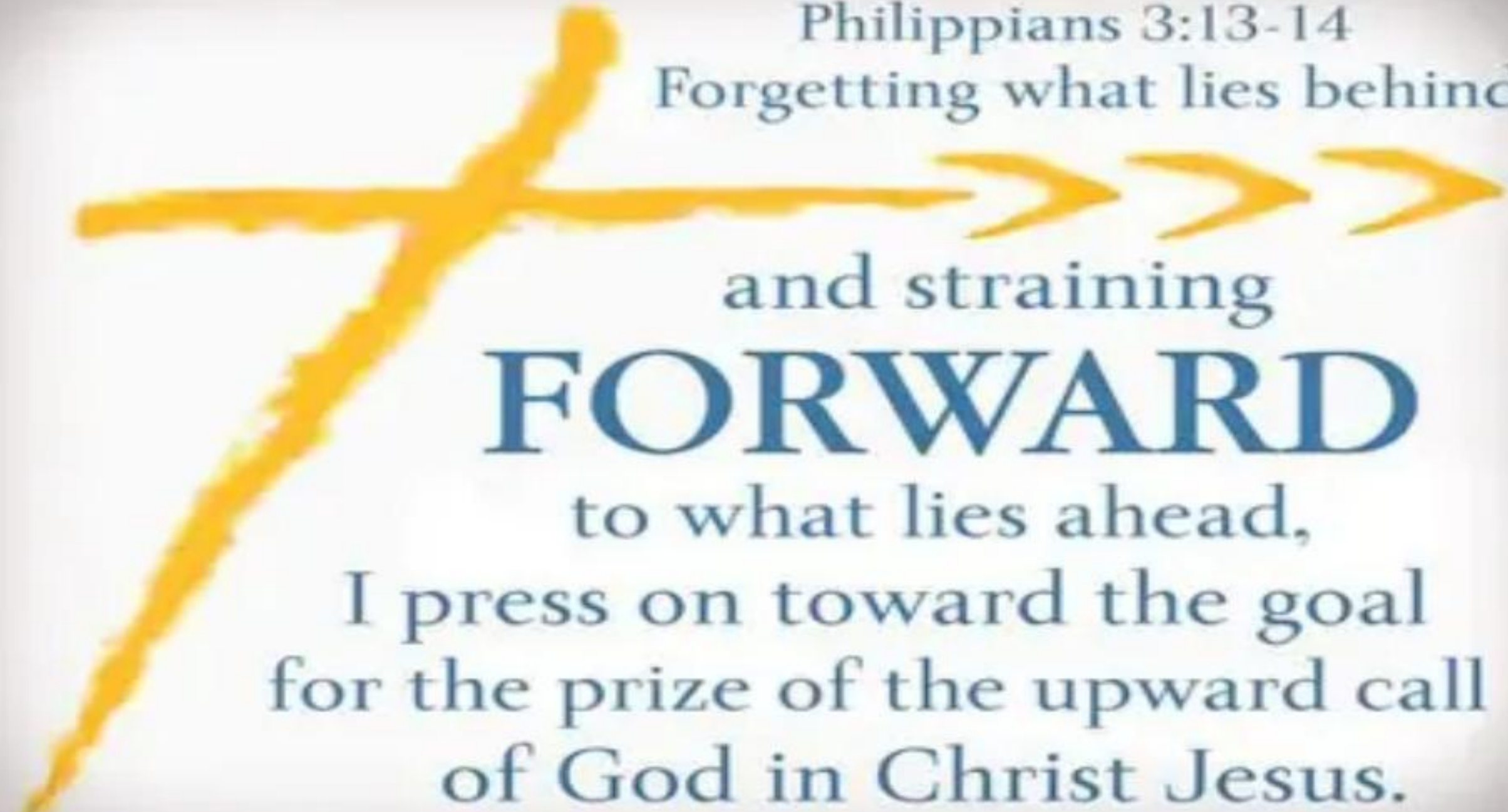


AND RESTART!



“Neighbor... oh neighbor... this year will NOT catch me unprepared!”

- **You made it... this year, you’re gonna do more than Survive
Your Gonna THRIVE!**
 - Today is **not a lecture, not a seminar.**
 - Today is a **REVIVAL**.....something in you is **about to Wake Up**
 - We’re not here to make **Resolutions** —but receive **Revelation.**
 - We’re not here to make **Promises** but Stand On **Promises**
 - We’re not here to **Try Harder** — we’re here to **Walk In The Spirit.**
 - If you’re ready for a New Year With New Power, shout **“Let’s go!”**



Philippians 3:13-14
Forgetting what lies behind

and straining
FORWARD

to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the upward call
of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13–14

- Forgetting
 - Gk — Intentionally Ignore
- Reaching
 - Gk — Stretch Beyond Limits
- Pressing
 - Gk — Chase with Force

Say: *"This is not a Wishlist — this is a War Plan!"*

I press forward the goal
for the prize of the upward call
of God in Christ Jesus.



Paul's Situation

📌 **Roman Imprisonment**

📌 **Harsh Conditions**

📌 **Uncertain Future**

📌 **Yet Writes W-
Joy, Focus, and Forward
Momentum**

**Your Environment...
...Doesn't Determine Your
Destiny
...Your Alignment Does**



**Sometimes
holding on**



**does more
damage**



**than
letting go**



LET GO

"Forgetting those things which are behind..."

Greek:

- **To Overlook**
- **To Starve of Attention**
- **To Deny Influence**

Say: *"Some things deserve to be ignored!"*

Challenge:

"If God forgave it, why are you still feeding it?"

ANYTHING YOU
CAN'T CONTROL
IN LIFE IS
TEACHING YOU
HOW TO LET
GO.

Unknown
quoteatocnjoy.com

LET GO OF WHAT'S BEHIND YOU

"Forgetting those things which are behind..."

Together It Means:

"I Refuse to Revisit It"

"I Refuse to Rehearse It"

"I Refuse to Relive It"

"I Refuse to Let It Define Me"

Paul Is Not Saying, "I Don't Remember My Past"

**He's Saying, "I Refuse To Let My Past
Remember Me"**

Say: "Some Things Deserve To Be Ignored!"



**GETTING PAST YOUR
PAST**

What You Must Release

× Past Failures

× Past Disappointments

× Past Mistakes

× Past Identities

× Past Victories that Keep You Stuck

Say: *"Some Things Deserve to Be Ignored!"*

Challenge:

"Don't Build a Shrine Around What God Used to Do."

**GETTING
PAST
YOUR
PAST**

REACH FORWARD

"...reaching forth..."

Greek:

- **Stretch**
- **Strain**
- **Lean Forward**

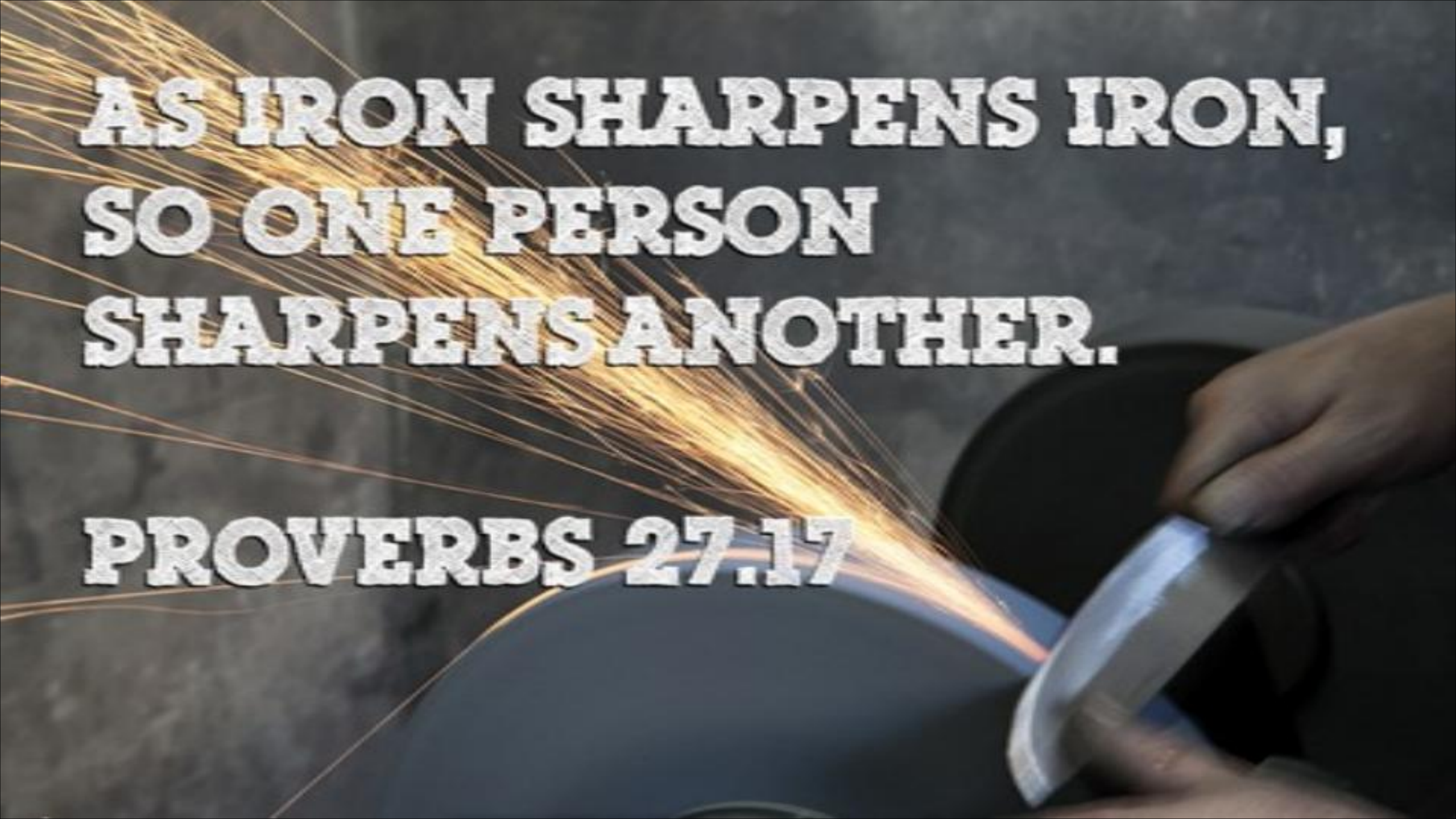
Say: *"I'm reaching for more!"*

Challenge:

"This year, No Microwave Devotion — Go Deeper"

**AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,
SO ONE PERSON
SHARPENS ANOTHER.**

PROVERBS 27.17



AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,

Reach for...

...Healthy Relationships

- ✓ People Who Sharpen You**
- ✓ People Who Challenge You**
- ✓ People Who Pray With You**
- ✓ People Who Push You**

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The High Calling Of God

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

Reach for Kingdom Purpose

**"I press toward the mark for the prize
of the High Calling..."**

**Gk - "calling" klesis —
*a divine summons, a heavenly invitation.***

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Philippians 3:14



Paul ... as to zeal,
a persecutor of the church;
as to the righteousness
which is in the
Law, found
blameless.

Philippians 3:6





PRESS TOWARD THE MARK
“I press toward the mark...”

Greek
to chase, pursue, hunt down, run after with force

Same Word Used For Persecution

Meaning

Paul Now...

Chases God with the Same Intensity ...
... He Once Used to Chase Christians

Say it: *“I’m Pressing!”*

Philippians 3:6



No looking back!



Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Press Through Distractions

Paul Says:

“This one thing I do...”

The Greek Phrase Means:

“I focus exclusively”

“I eliminate competing priorities”

“I refuse divided attention”

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Paul

the Apostle

- **circumcised the eighth day**
- **of the nation of Israel**
- **of the tribe of Benjamin**
- **a Hebrew of Hebrews**
- **as to the Law, a Pharisee**

Philippians 3:5

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Press Through Discouragement

Paul says:

"I have not yet attained..."

- **He acknowledges:**

"I'm not perfect."

"I'm not finished."

"I'm not there yet."

But He Refuses to Quit.

as to the Law, a Pharisee

Philippians 3:5

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Press With the Power of the HG

Paul says:

“I press toward the mark...”

- **Gk= “mark” is skopos —**

- **the target**

- **the goal**

- **the finish line**

You Can't Reach the Mark

Without the Spirit's Power

forget,
strain,
press on...

Philippians 3:13-14

Practical Steps To Prepare For The New Year

Set a Spiritual Focus

Choose to Grow and Ask Yourself

- Where Do I Need God To Stretch Me?
- What Discipline Have I Neglected?
- What Area Is God Highlighting In My Spirit?

Clean Your Spiritual House

Forgive...

Release...

Let Go...

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Don't Bring Old Poison Into a New Season

You can't control what happened ...

...you can control what you carry

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reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
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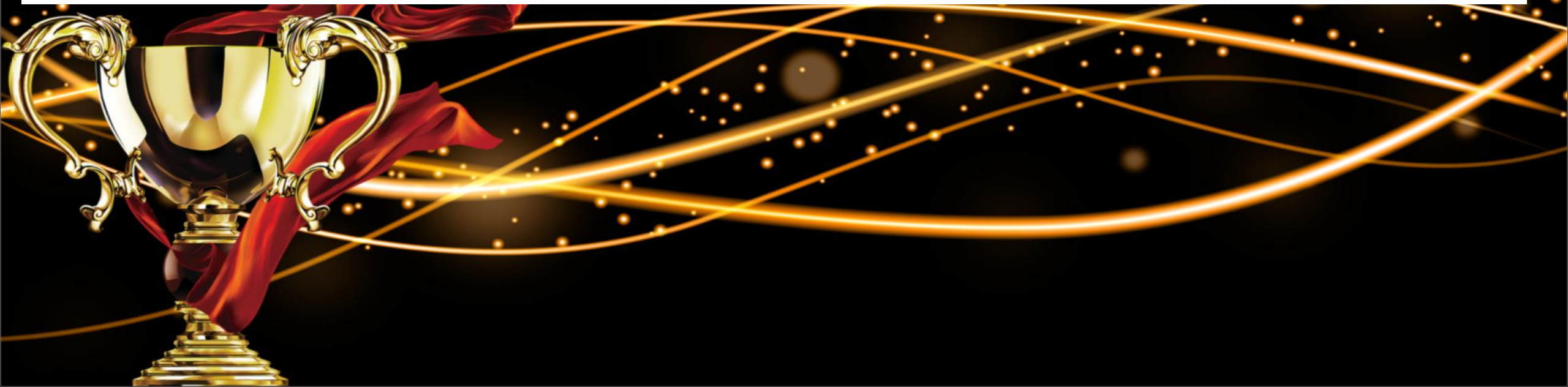


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- Clarity**
- Accountability**
- Direction**
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Start the Year in Worship

How you start determines how you finish

Worship sets the tone, atmosphere, your heart in alignment with heaven.

Expect the Supernatural

Don't walk into the New Year with Natural Expectations

**YOU ARE
NO LONGER DEFINED
BY YOUR PAST**

**GOD WANTS YOU
TO MOVE ON**



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**God Has Called You
To Live Beyond Ordinary**

Live Beyond Our

Past

Problems

Pains

To Step Up

Go Beyond the Mile

There is no sense in punishing
your future for the
mistakes of the past.

FORGIVE YOURSELF,
grow from it, and
then let it GO.

Melanie Koulouris.



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Everybody Stand

- **If you're ready to let go of what's behind you...**
- **If you're ready to reach for what's ahead...**
- **If you're ready to press toward the mark...**
- **Raise Both Hands Saying...**

A dramatic landscape featuring rugged, rocky mountains under a sky filled with dark, heavy clouds. A bright light source, likely the sun, is breaking through the clouds, creating a strong glow and illuminating the mountain peaks. The overall tone is inspirational and powerful.

God's purpose is not
limited by your past.

Rick Warren

Raise Both Hands and Say...

**“Lord, Reset Me- Realign Me- Refocus Me-
Renew Me!**

- Prepare me for the new year**
- Now lift your hands and declare:**

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This year,

**I will run with purpose, walk with power, and live with
passion**

**And the God who brought you through last year is about to
launch you into this one w- FIRE, w- FOCUS /w- HG POWER!**

A pastor attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast:

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably