

THE PRESS OF GOD

To be able to **Press On** (pursue, follow after speedily), you must Purpose to **Press In** (be in God's presence) and not resist being **Pressed By** God (which produces the Oil of Holy Spirit).

PRESS ON – PHILIPPIANS 3:12 - 14 AMPLIFIED

PRESS ON – to pursue, follow after speedily

v.12 'follow after' **KJV**; **v.13** – 'straining forward'; 'reaching forward' – **KJV**; press on.

METAPHOR FOR A FOOT RACE.

A runner strains forward with all their might. They press on even when their lungs are burning, sides are hurting, and legs become numb with heaviness from the exertion.

WHY DO THEY PRESS ON?

Because they see the goal, the finish line, and the home stretch. To break the tape at the finish line you strain forward, i.e. reach forward.

PRESS IN Is to make a decision to be forceful in entering God's Presence.

PRESS ON (pursue, follow after speedily) towards the Goal you must purpose to **PRESSS IN**.

LUKE 5:1 KJV People pursued, followed after speedily Jesus and entered into His Presence to hear the Word of God.

How many of you have to pursue and forcefully enter into reading and studying the Word of God and Prayer.

MARK 3: 7-12 TPT Crush, press hard, fall upon Him.

A great thong **PRESSED ON** (pursued Him and followed after Him)

WHY? To hear what He had to say; to see what He would do.

They **PRESSED IN** (forcefully entered into His Presence)

MARK 2:1-5 KJV The lame man through the roof because of the press.

WHY? To be healed physically, emotionally, spiritually.

MARK 5: 24 – 34

Woman with an issue of blood who was always in a state of uncleanness.

This woman heard reports concerning Jesus and she **PRESSED ON** (PURSUED AND FOLLOWED AFTER SPEEDILY). She finds Him in the press, impossible to get to, but she **PRESSES IN** (FORCEFULLY ENTERS INTO HIS PRESENCE). But she is also **BEING PRESSED BY THE CROWD**. It's dangerous for her to be there. She's tired, weak, and sickly. She's broken the law; could be stoned to death. But that pressure of sickness causes her to **PRESS ON, TO PRESS IN EVEN THOUGH SHE IS BEING PRESSED BY THE CROWD**.

PRESSED BY pressure to cause you to act

Has some one ever pressed you to do something?

Phrase of 'being pressed into service'

4 TYPES OF PRESSURE:

Pressure we put on ourselves – unrealistic goals

Pressure from the world – commercials

Pressure from the devil – temptations

Pressure from God – the transforming, conforming power of God

GARDEN OF GETHSENAME

MARK 14: 32 – 36 TPT “Oil Press”

Jesus is **PRESSING ON** – peruses and follow after speedily the will of the Father God.

Jesus is **PRESSING IN** – forcefully entering Jerusalem to die on the cross. Even with resistance from His friends like Peter who said 'you will not go to Jerusalem to die. Jesus said to Peter, Get behind me satan. **MATTHEW 16:21-23 NASB**

Jesus is **BEING PRESSED BY THE WORLD AND THE DEVIL**.

LUKE 4:1-13 NASB

HIS RESPONSE WAS NOT MY WILL BY YOUR WILL FATHER.

WE ALL HAVE OUR GETHSENEME'S

GETHSENEME - (gath-shemens) = oil press

An oil press was used to extract (squeeze) the oil from the olive.

A heavy stone was used crush the olive.

The oil from the olive would flow into an oil vat and the flesh of the oil was discarded.

The interesting thing about **PRESSING ON** and **PRESSING IN** is that when we find ourselves in the **PRESENCE** of God, we see that even in the Garden we are **BEING PRESSED BY GOD**.

THE GARDEN OF HIS PRESENCE IS WHERE WE ARE PRESSED.

OUR FLESH IS CRUSHED AND THE FLOW OF THE OIL OF HOLY SPIRIT IS RELEASED.

BEING PRESSED BY GOD IS GOOD.

We have wrinkles that need to be pressed.

A press mold is where a certain shape is made.

God is pressing the wrinkles and conforming and transforming us into the image of His son Jesus.

In these last days it will be increasingly harder to **PRESS ON AND TO PRESS IN.**

It's not that God is playing hard to get, but the resistance will be coming from the enemy of God. Satan will try to cut off our supply lines. An army must have a continual line of supplies for it to successfully win the war. So satan will try to keep you from **PRESSING ON, PRESSING IN, SO YOU CAN BE PRESSED BY GOD.**

HEBREWS 6:1 KJV NASB

GO ON – let us be borne along, to be carried. **PRESS ON**

PHERO - to be borne along as a ship driven by wind.

Here Holy Spirit is the power that moves the believer forward.

For what purpose?

**TO ADVANCE STEADILY TOWARD THE COMPLETENESS AND
PERFECTION THAT BELONG TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY.**