

**Press On Through the Cross**  
~ Hebrews 12:2

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**The writer of Hebrews tells us:**

“Looking unto Jesus...”

This is not just theology—this is direction for life.

If you want to press on in your faith... you must look to the One who pressed on to the cross.

**1: THE FOCUS OF THE SAVIOR**

“Looking unto Jesus...”

The Christian life rises or falls on where you look.

The text does not say:

- Look to yourself
- Look to your strength
- Look to your past

Look to Jesus.

He is:

- The Author — He began your faith
- The Finisher — He will complete it

Salvation is not your work—it is His work

**Application**

Some here today:

- Are weary in faith
- Discouraged in ministry
- Struggling in family life
- Battling unseen burdens.

Lift your eyes again.

Not to religion. Not to performance. But to Jesus Christ crucified.

**But the text does not stop at His focus.**

It moves us deeper—to His suffering

## **2: THE FORTITUDE OF THE SAVIOR**

“...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross...”

The word “endured” means:

- To remain under pressure
- To persevere through pain
- To not quit.

Jesus did not avoid the cross. He did not escape it. He endured it.

### **The Weight of the Cross**

The cross was:

- Physically agonizing
- Publicly humiliating
- Spiritually crushing

And yet the Bible says:

“For the joy set before Him...”

What joy?

- The joy of obeying the Father
- The joy of redeeming sinners
- The joy of bringing many sons to glory

Church—this is powerful:

Jesus saw beyond the pain... to the purpose.

### **Application**

Church, hear this clearly:

You can press on—not because life is easy...

but because Christ already endured.

When you feel like quitting:

- In your faith
- In your calling
- In your obedience

Remember:

Jesus did not stop halfway to the cross.

**And because He endured...**

something glorious happened.

### **3: THE FINISH OF THE SAVIOR**

“...and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

The word “seated” is everything.

It means:

- The work is complete
- The sacrifice is accepted
- The mission is accomplished.

This connects directly to His words:

“It is finished.”

It is divine completion.

### **Application**

Because Jesus finished:

- You don't have to earn salvation
- You don't have to carry your sin
- You don't have to live in condemnation.

And now... you can press on with confidence.

**There are two kinds of people here today:**

## 1. Those Who Have Never Truly Trusted Christ

You know about Jesus... but you have never surrendered to Him.

Jesus:

- Endured the cross for your sin
- Bore your shame
- Paid your debt.

And now He calls you:

Come. Believe. Receive

- Not tomorrow
- Not later
- Today

## 2. Believers Who Are Weary

- You are saved—but tired.
- You are faithful—but struggling.

Tonight, Jesus is not condemning you.

Press on.

- Press on in your faith
- Press on in your calling
- Press on in your walk with Him.

## CLOSING APPEAL

Church...

The cross is not the end of the story.

It is the reason we keep going.

So when life is heavy...

Press on.

When faith is tested... Press on.

When the road is hard... Press on.

**Because Jesus pressed on to the cross... we will press on for His glory**