



Key Scripture:

Philippians 3:14 NASB

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

John's Testimony

John 1:29-34 NKJV

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31 I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." 32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

Press On - even when...

✓ **People try to name who you are.**

Luke 1:59 NLT

When the baby was eight days old, they all came for the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father.

✓ **People don't believe you.**

Matthew 21:32 NLT

For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even when you saw this happening, you refused to believe him and repent of your sins.

✓ **People call you crazy.**

Matthew 11:18 Message

John came fasting and they called him crazy.

✓ **People treat you harshly.**

Matthew 14:3 ERV

Herod had arrested John. He had him chained and put in prison.

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**Press On
Good Testimony**

Press On with a good testimony...

1. Know who God has called you to be.

John 1:19-23 NLT

19 This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?"
20 He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."
21 "Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?" "No," he replied. "Are you the Prophet we are expecting?" "No."
22 "Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?"
23 John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:
"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!'"

2. When in doubt - ask Jesus.

Matthew 11:2-6 NLT

2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" 4 Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— 5 the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.
6 And tell him, 'God blesses those who do not turn away because of Me.'"

3. Listen to who the Lord says you are.

Matthew 11:7-12 NLT

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? 8 Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. 9 Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. 10 John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'
11 "I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!"

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