

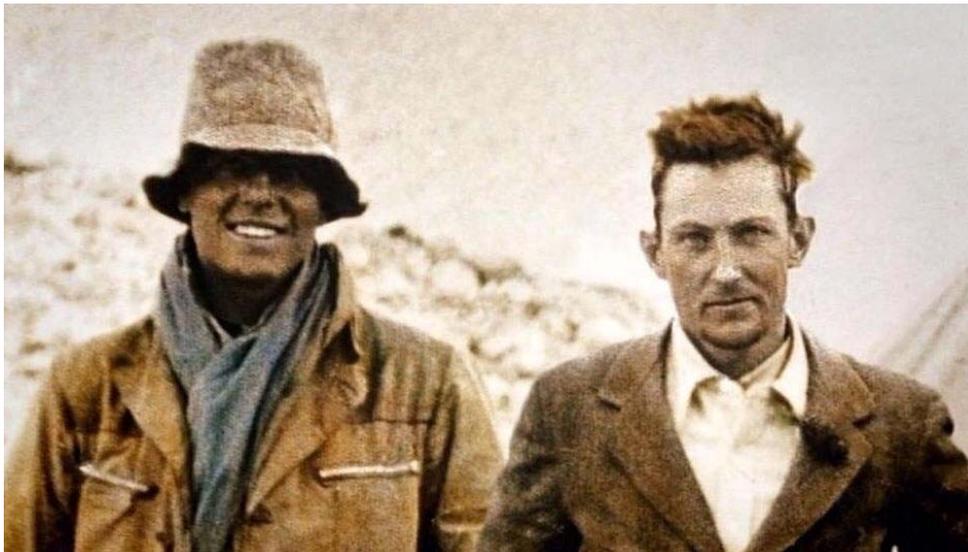
for the prize." He identified this lifelong pilgrimage as "the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Years ago, a group of Englishmen tried to conquer Mt. Everest. They pressed on against cold, wind, blizzards, and avalanches. When they came within 2,000 feet of the peak, they set up camp. Two men, Mallory and Irvine, eagerly pressed on, expecting to return in about 16 hours. They never came back. The official record said simply: "When last seen, they were heading toward the summit."

Whatever the obstacles, let's keep pressing on in the upward call of God, trusting in Him and not ourselves. At life's end, may it be said of us, "When last seen, they were heading toward the summit!" —JEY

*When the pathway seems long,
When temptation is strong,
When your strength's almost gone—
That's the time to press on. —Hess*

When the pressure is on, press on!



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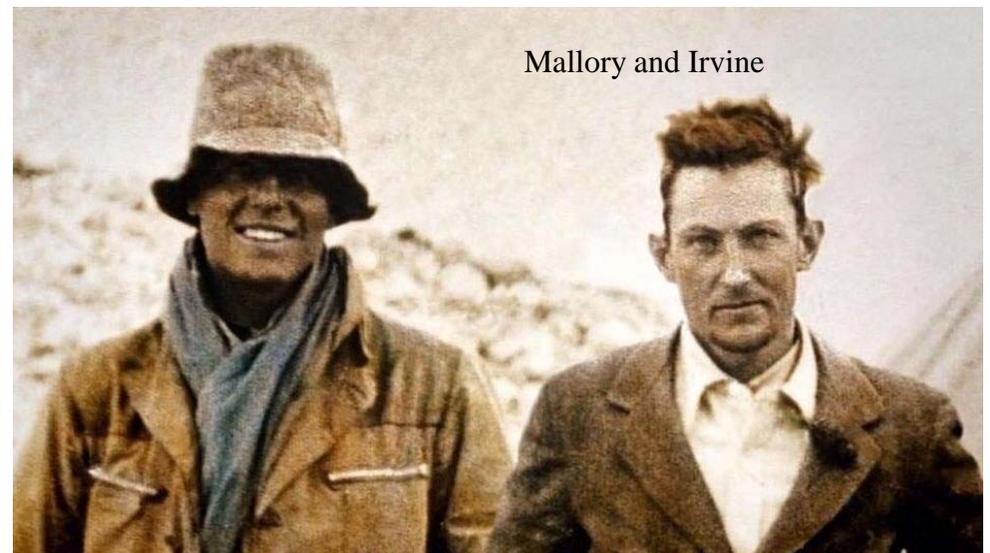
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Keep Pressing On

I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. —Philippians 3:12

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the challenges of living for Christ? You're not alone. Even Paul felt that way. In 2 Corinthians 1:8, he honestly admitted that the troubles he and Timothy endured in Asia had taxed them beyond measure, and they feared for their lives. But Paul said they learned this lesson: "We should not trust in ourselves but in God" (v.9).

In Philippians 3:12-14, Paul again wrote honestly about his Christian walk, admitting that he hadn't attained perfection: "I press toward the goal



Mallory and Irvine

Insights for Living Going On



Philippians 3:12-16 describes 4 processes that will be part of going on in the Christian life:

1. _____ **our condition**, verses 12, 13, 10, 4:11

(2 Corinthians 5:21) "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

(2 Corinthians 7:1) "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."



Roger Bannister

2. _____ **for Christ-likeness**, verses 12, 13



(1 Corinthians 9:25) "And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown."

3. _____ **the past**, verse 13

(Hebrews 13:16) "But do not forget to do good and to share, ..."

(Genesis 50:20) ""But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good..."



4. _____ **Christ-likeness**, verses 14-17

(Philippians 3:14) I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. [paraphrase]

(Philippians 3:15-16) I hope all of you who are mature Christians will agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. {16} But we must be sure to obey the truth we have learned already. [paraphrase]

