



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

PRESSING FORWARD

Philippians 3:12-14

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Philippians 3:13-14 NLT

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Acts 8:3 says:

“Saul began to destroy the church... dragging off men and women and putting them in prison.”

Jesus stops Saul him on the Damascus Road.

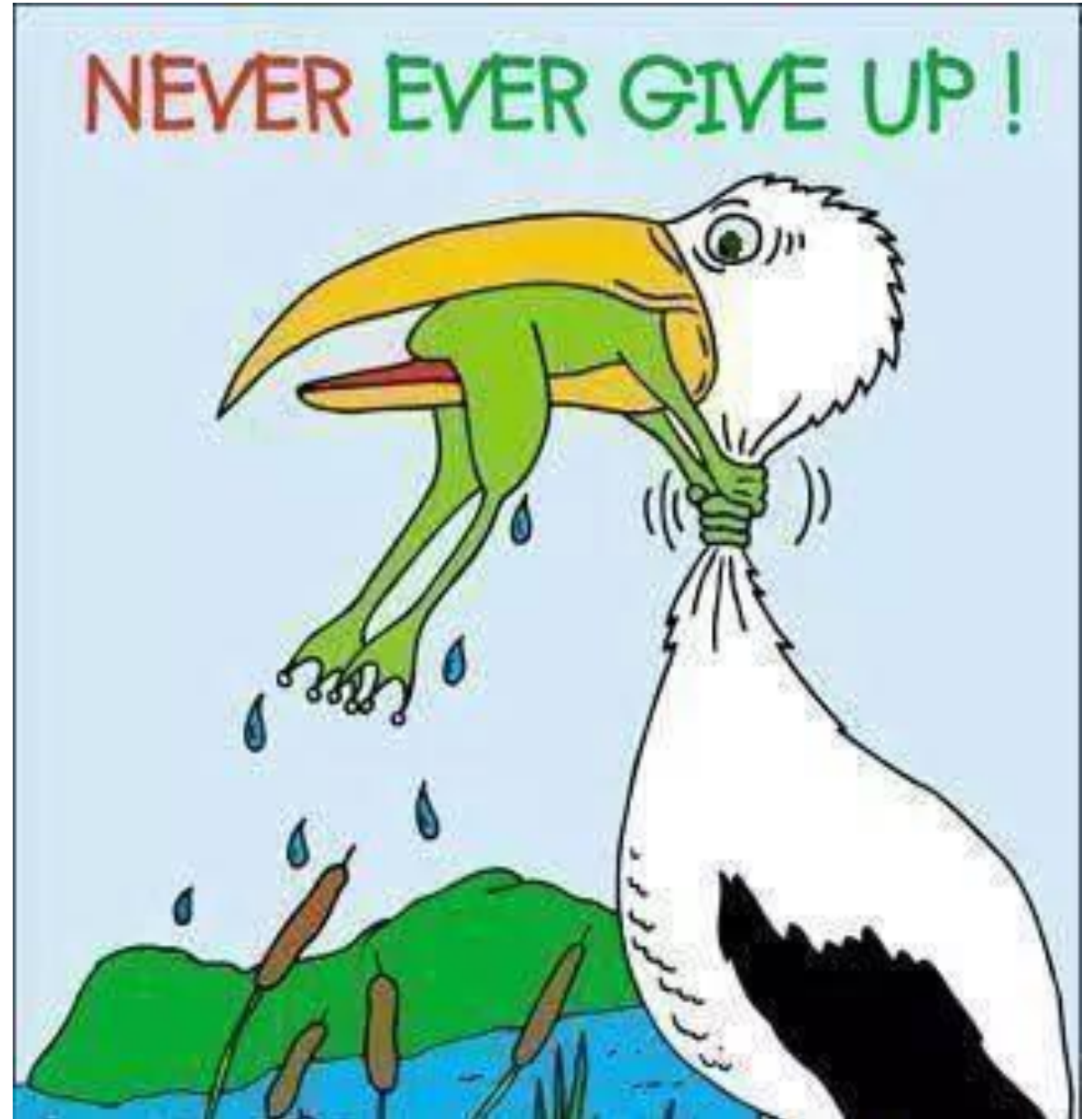


Point 1. PRESS ON:

Philippians 3:12

“I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”

- . Don't quit**
- . Don't settle**
- . Don't stay stuck**
- . Don't let your past define you.**
- . Don't let failure stop you.**
- . Don't let shame hold you back**



Point 2 LET GO: Your past cant hold you back

Philippians 3:13 *“One thing I do: forgetting what is behind...”*

God says in Isaiah 43:18–19: *“Forget the former things... I am doing a new thing.”*



POINT 3 — REACH FORWARD: God has more ahead

Philippians 3:14 *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*


Jeremiah 29:11

“I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future.”

Hebrews 12:1 says:

“Run with endurance the race set before you.”



A dramatic seascape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds. The ocean is calm, reflecting the warm light. In the foreground, a dark, jagged rock formation juts out from the left side. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

The belonging you seek is
not behind you. It is ahead.

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