



# 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.**

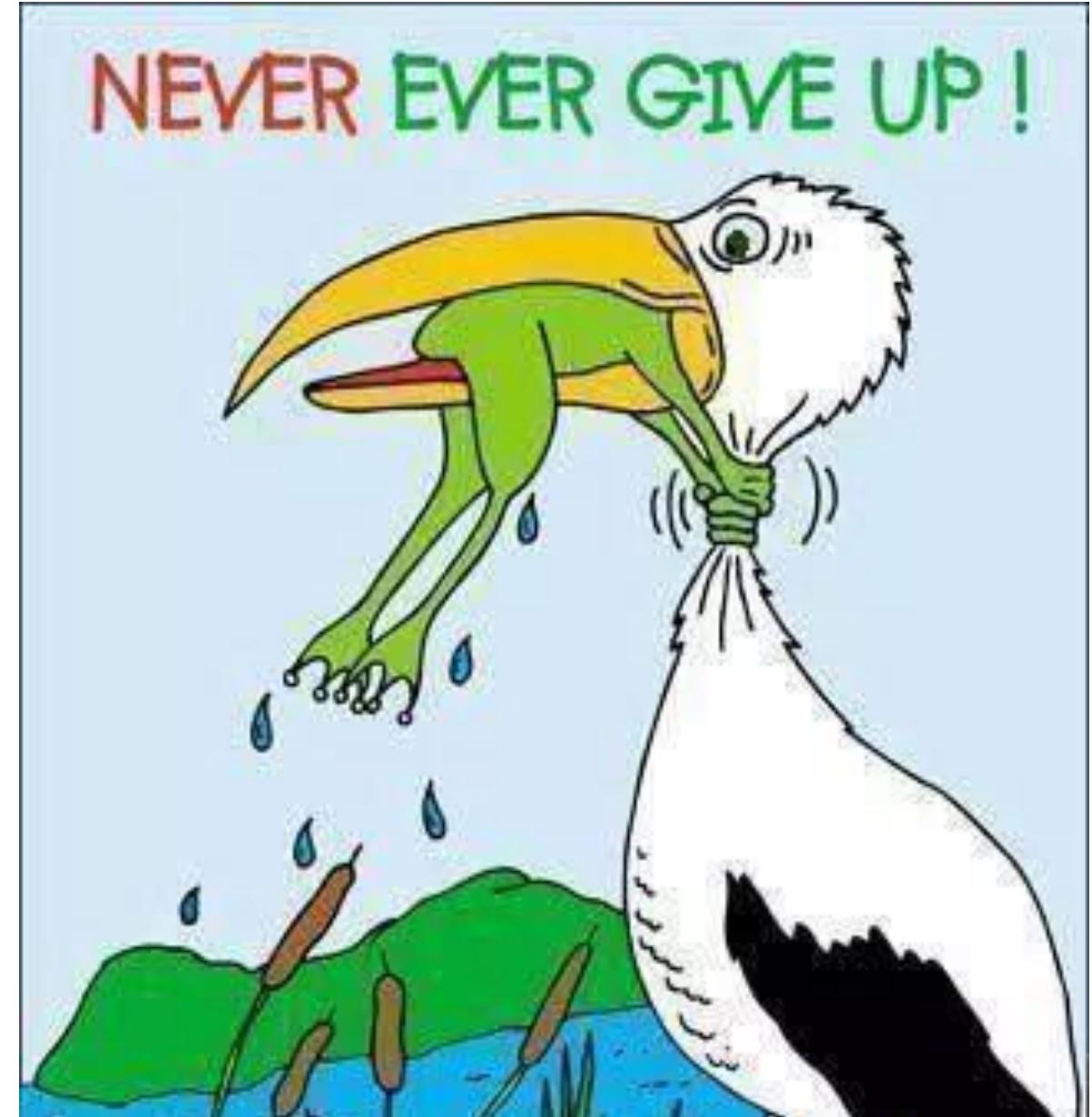


## Point 1. PRESS ON:

**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 can't 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

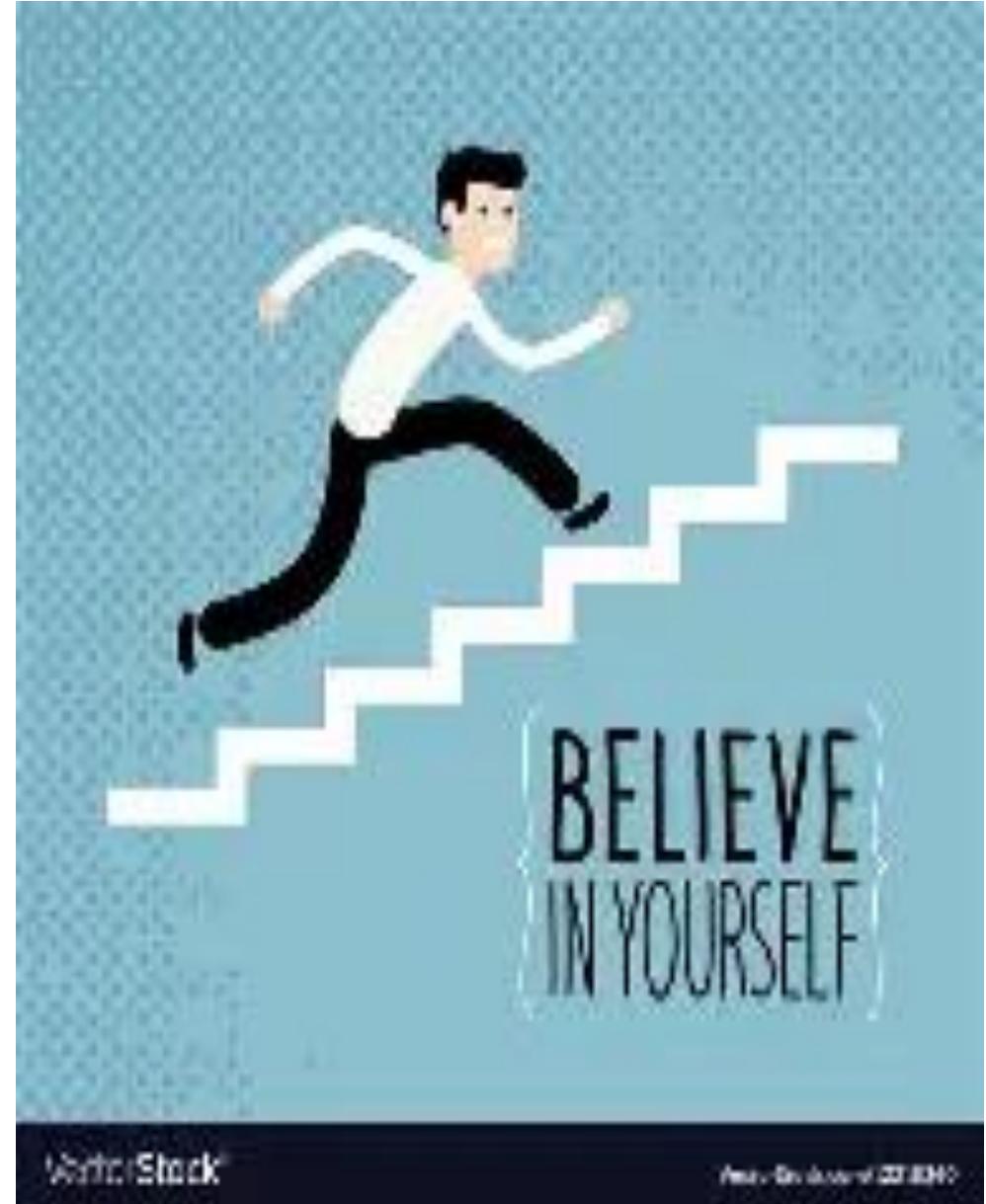
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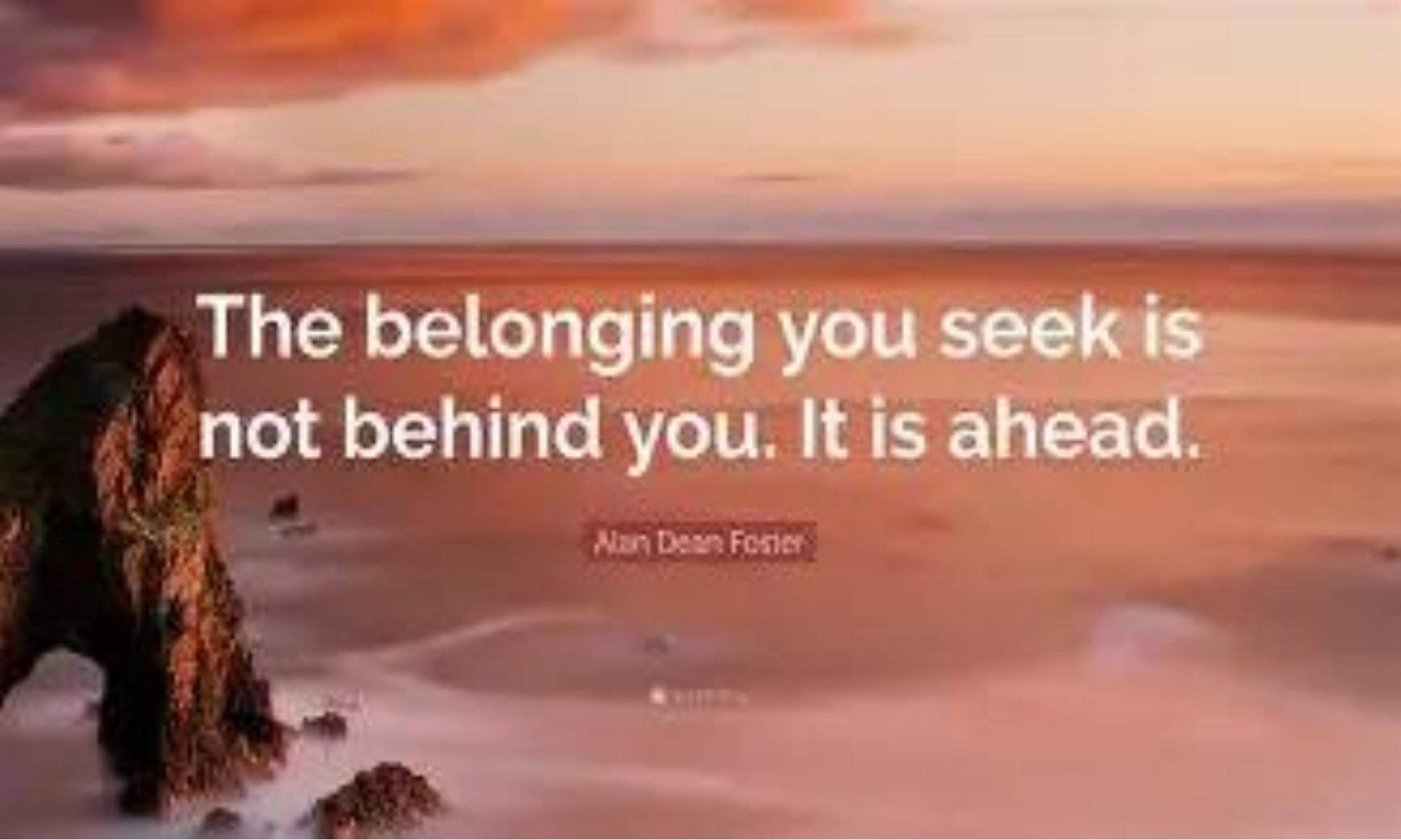
**Jeremiah 29:11**

***“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.”**





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

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