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Go For It Conference - Sunday Morning November 14th, 2021

Philippians 3:8, 10-14 (NASB)

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them [mere] rubbish, so that I may gain Christ, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already grasped [it all] or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brothers [and sisters,] I do not regard myself as having taken hold of [it yet,] but one thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

“I **press** on”:

- to make to run or flee, put to flight, drive away
- to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after
 - a. to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal
 - b. to pursue (in a hostile manner)
- to persecute

Matthew 5:10 (NASB)

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 9:4-5 (NASB) 4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He [said,] "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

“Pressing in” produces oil

During a time of great pressure, the widow pressed into Elisha the prophet’s word and received supernatural oil (2 Kings 4:1-7)

“Go in and shut the door behind you”

“Go, sell the oil and pay your debt”

* To the degree you press into the Lord, you’ll produce oil

Radically adjust your life to make room for pressing in

Oil is a commodity

Golden Oil is an extremely valuable commodity that fuels the economy of God

You are going to need a lot of this commodity to engage in kingdom exploits

When we say “Go For It!” this is what we are talking about. Pressing into the heart of God with intensity and not stopping until you produce more and more oil

* If you want Golden Oil, press in

There is no need to press in if there isn’t an inherent resistance involved in that process

- What about abiding or resting in His presence?
- Yes absolutely, but Hebrews 4:11 even exhorts us to exert effort to enter that rest

Don’t be discouraged that when you start pressing in you encounter resistance (not always the enemy)

* The combination of your will to press in and the resistance that meets this action activates Golden Oil in your life

Much of this is a refining process in our lives or a squeezing out of the things that hold us back from going deeper in Jesus

How many valuable things in the world can you think of that are produced through pressure or through being squeezed? What products are produced when pressure is exerted upon them rendering a more valuable and usable version?

- Precious Jewels
- Precious Metals
- Olives - Oil
- Grapes - Wine
- Fruit - Juice

PRESS IN to BE PRESSED – A closer look at Golden Oil and the Olive Tree (Zech. 4:3-14)

Brief Summary: Vision of ministry in the presence of the Lord/Holy Place – **Vs 6** “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord. “On earth as it is in heaven.” – The Pattern

Verse 2 and 3

- The Golden Lampstand is Jesus the Light of the World, but also the Church
- The two Olive Trees are Jesus the Priest and Jesus the King, but also the priestly and kingly sons and daughters of fresh Golden Oil
- The Golden Oil is the Holy Spirit and the anointing

That means the Church cannot minister in the presence of God without the oil

We need to get Golden Oil and we should be saturated and dripping with it in the presence of God

* We are called to be “anointed ones” or sons and daughters of fresh Golden Oil (**verse 14**)

Verse 10 The eyes of the Lord are searching to and fro throughout the whole earth for sons and daughters like this (2 Chronicles 16:9 – He is looking for the wholly devoted heart that will radically pursue and press into the presence of God

Beit Guvrin, Israel (Tel Maresha) Oil Press

When we press into God, God presses into us

Extra Virgin Olive Oil vs Regular Olive Oil

Jesus is the Branch (Zech. 3:8, Isaiah 11:1, and John 15:5)

He was pressed in an oil press – **Gethsemane** in Hebrew literally means oil press.

As the Branch pressed in for us (Hebrews 12:2) He was pressed and He sweat blood

Personal Testimony of Going for it:

- A God-sized void created an extreme hunger for God encounters
- My loneliness and pain of rejection drove me deep into secret places of intimacy with Jesus
- Secret places of worship transitioned to public places of leading in His presence
- God encounters in the 1990s

*****Make time and room for the oil to manifest, press in and don't stop – Go For It!**