



PRESSING ON TO THE HIGH CALL

The Eye of the Needle



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*“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
—Philippians 3:14, NKJV*

The Bride of Yeshua is being called **higher**. The journey upward is not always an easy one. There are steep places to climb, obstacles to overcome, and things we must surrender along the way. Yet our Bridegroom continually calls us onward—away from complacency and into a deeper walk with Him.

Like a bride climbing toward the heights, we must keep our eyes fixed on the place He is calling us to. We **persevere** when the climb is difficult, **surrender** what would weigh us down, and **reach** toward the high call of God. The way may sometimes appear narrow and impossible, but with God all things are possible.



PRESSING FORWARD

The LORD gave me a word to share for TODAY: PRESSING ON.

To **press on** speaks of action and movement—advancing forward, continuing onward, and moving steadily toward a goal. It is a picture of our walk with Yeshua: taking steps of faith and continuing to move forward into the deeper things of God.

As we continue our walk of faith, the LORD is calling us higher. We need to ask ourselves, **Are we pressing forward in the things of God?** If not, perhaps we need to ask another question: **What is hindering us?**

There are times in our spiritual journey when the LORD asks us to release something in order to continue forward. It may require us to let go, surrender, repent, or simply trust Him more deeply.

REACHING THE HEIGHTS

The deeper things of God often require us to **leave something behind**. Just as a climber cannot carry every unnecessary weight up a steep mountain, there are times when the LORD reveals the things that are hindering our spiritual climb.

Perhaps it is fear, pride, unforgiveness, distraction, the cares of this world, or simply something we have held onto too tightly. Whatever the hindrance may be, **surrender makes room for us to continue upward.**

The higher call requires a deeper surrender.

We are not climbing in our own strength. The LORD is the One who calls us, strengthens us, and enables us to continue. Our part is to remain yielded to Him, listening for His voice and willing to follow wherever He leads.

There may come a place in our journey where the way before us becomes **narrow**. We cannot carry everything with us and still pass through. It is in these places that surrender becomes more than a word—it becomes a choice. **What are we willing to lay down in order to follow Yeshua into the place He is calling us?**

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A Prophetic Parable for Today

The prophetic parable “**The Eye of the Needle,**” by Charlotte Baker, https://worshipwarriors.net/docs/eye_of_the_needle.pdf presents a powerful picture of surrender. It challenges us to consider what we may need to lay down as we seek Adonai and press toward the high call of God.



In three of the New Testament Gospels, Yeshua speaks of the difficulty of a rich man entering the Kingdom of God. To bring understanding to His hearers, He uses a striking picture:

“And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

—Matthew 19:24

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

“For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

—Luke 18:25

*Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! **It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**” And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”*

—Mark 10:23-27

WHAT WAS THE EYE OF THE NEEDLE?

Over the years, several explanations have been offered for Yeshua's words concerning the camel and the eye of a needle. Some have understood His words literally, while other interpretations and traditions have developed around the expression.

Yeshua's picture of a camel passing through the eye of a needle is a striking example of hyperbole—an intentionally extreme comparison illustrating something impossible by human ability.

The emphasis is not upon what man can accomplish in his own strength, but upon what **God alone can do**.

PRESS ON, BELOVED

The Bride is being called higher. There may be narrow places ahead—places that require surrender, perseverance, and complete dependence upon the LORD. But we do not climb alone. The One who calls us higher is also the One who gives us the strength to reach the place He has prepared for us.



Do not allow the difficulty of the climb to cause you to turn back. Lay aside what hinders. Keep your eyes upon Yeshua. **Press on toward the goal and reach for the high call of God.**

What seems impossible in our own strength becomes possible when we surrender ourselves completely to Him.

“With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

—Mark 10:27

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