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Press In

The word **press** (*a continual physical force on an object that doesn't cause it to move away*), reminds me of the satisfaction I felt growing up to earn \$1.00 ironing an entire laundry basket, the grit to add weight on the bench press, and the sheer delight of a well-executed full court press.

Our decision to **press in**, to a healthier body, a more organized life, or victory over addiction, now includes eradicating a virus. Today, we face an unprecedented season of uncertainty, and as believers, we feel the tension. Will we **press in** and cling to the Lord's infinite love for us, or succumb to debilitating fear? Will we pursue restoration, or concede it is what it is? Will we faithfully follow the Lord, even when what we see fails to encourage our hearts?

*I press toward the mark for the prize
of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:14

Assuredly, the Lord calls us to rest in Him, and there are times He calls us to **press in**. So, what do we **press** toward? People closest to me, are not surprised to hear my love language is quality time. One of my favorite places to be is with those I cherish. I believe the Lord longs for our quality time too. For us to choose to **press in** and *know* the beat of His heart. ♥ John 17:3 says, "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." In our rapidly changing world, the Lord wants us to **press in** to *know* Him.

Recently, a friend spent a quiet morning sitting on the bank of a stream. There, they noticed a small shell resting among thousands of rocks. When looking around for others, they discovered a single stone that held an imprint of a shell. An **imprint** is *a mark or pattern produced by pressure, which leaves a distinguishing influence or affect*.

Am I **pressing in** to Jesus in such a way, that I bear His imprint, a visible difference, a reflection of Him? Or, am I like thousands of other rocks that surround a shell but look nothing like it?



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Praise Report:

- **Holy Spirit** changing ♥'s
- Triplets **graduate** college!
- **Strength** in the wilderness



Bear His imprint



Being in the presence of a shell or resting near it, will not produce an imprint on a stone. Not until the shell and the rock are *pressed* hard together over time, will a visible imprint be made.

I don't want to be satisfied with simply resting near Jesus. I want to **press in** to Him, day after day, so His imprint alters me forever!

Ministry Update & Special Gift

The privilege of **teaching the Text**, verse by verse, has informed and transformed my life more than anything or anyone! In the turmoil that has upended what we once considered normal, I find myself clinging to the truths found in the Bible. I am comforted and strengthened as the Lord reveals Himself through the study of His Word. *When we seek Him, we will find Him...He is not far from every one of us.* (Acts 17:27)

It has been a blessing to serve you over the years, and as our world continues to change, so will our ministry. Our events calendar at: **terrimcfarland.org** will keep you updated. We remain committed to help people draw closer to the heart of Jesus which now includes a more digital platform. Please let us know how we can assist you or pray for you.

This year, as our special gift to you, we are putting all our albums on YouTube! Go to my **YouTube Channel** and subscribe to receive notifications of our upcoming releases. Currently our **A Quiet Place** album is up, and we are receiving wonderful responses. It is our hope that teachings may soon follow. Be sure to share with your friends!

I am so grateful for those who encourage me with your face, your words and your prayers. In our study of Genesis, we see when the Lord leads us to a new land, as He did Abram, don't be surprised if the first thing we encounter is famine. And just because we do, it doesn't mean we aren't right where the Lord wants us to be, when He wants us there. Although the road of marital separation feels like a heart-rending famine, I trust He will one day restore the years the locusts have eaten. ❤️

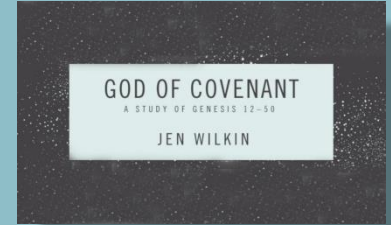
Be encouraged to **Press In** to Jesus today. His imprint will surprise you!



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Please Pray for:

- **Safety & healing**
- **♥'s to press In**
- **God's glory** in the stand
- **Wisdom** for Gov't leaders



Our 2020 Women's Bible Study



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