Walking the Path to the Kingdom (like a warrior!)



And So ...

The Journey Degins?

He lays out our path

Yahuah who called us and saved us has provided a path that leads to our ultimate dwelling place with Him. And the great news is... He leads us there!

Trust in the YAHUAH with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and <mark>he shall direct thy paths.</mark> Proverbs 3:5-6

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:29-30

And Yahusha spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

He is always with us

Because **He** knows the path is narrow with many obstacles, **He** promises to never leave us and to be with us always!

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for Yahuah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9

> I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:18

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for Yahuah your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

He goes before us

Not only is He with us, but He goes before us and stands behind us!

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Psalm 139:5

And Yahuah, **he it is that doth go before thee**; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8

> ... for <mark>Yahuah will go before you</mark>; and the God of Israel will be your reward. Isaiah 52:12

To him which **led his people** through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 136:16

Yahuah goes before us!!

He is our power Source

He gives freely of His power and wisdom to sustain us, through His Holy Spirit.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be <mark>endued with power from on high</mark>. Luke 24:49

According as his **divine power** hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness...

2 Peter 1:3

I can do all things through Mashiach which **strengtheneth me**. Philippians 4:13

He stands in the gap

He warns us of our adversary and stands in the gap with intercession and a way out!!

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour... 1 Peter 5:8

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto Yahuah by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

... but Yahuah is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

He arms us!

He provides us with His own weapons and armor that bring forth His power!

Finally, my brethren, be strong in Yahuah, and in the **power of his might.** Put on the whole armour of Yahuah, that ye may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10-11

By the word of truth, **by the power of Yahuah**, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left... 2 Corinthians 6:7

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, **but mighty through Yahuah** to the pulling down of strong holds)...

2 Corinthians 10:4

He tells us to TAKE it and STAND in it!

We take it, because it is ours!

Wherefore **TAKE** unto you the whole armor... (Ephesians 6:13)

... **TAKING** the shield of faith... (Ephesians 6:16)

And **TAKE** the helmet of salvation... (Ephesians 6:17)

We can't sit in this armor... we stand!

...that ye may be able to **STAND**... (Ephesians 6:11)

...that ye may be able to with **STAND**... and having done all, to **STAND.** (Ephesians 6:13)

STAND therefore... (Ephesians 6:14)



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Put on the Belt of TRUTH

He gives us His truth to encase our loins – we are settled and strengthened in Him!

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth... Romans 6:14

Also righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reigns. Isaiah 11:5

This also applies to our minds!

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Yahusha ha Mashiach... 1 Peter 1:13

What is truth?



Yahusha saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

But put ye on the Mashiach Yahusha, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Romans 13:14

> Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. John 17:17

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Psalm 119:142

The truth is also His knowledge

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the **knowledge of the truth**. 1 Timothy 2:4

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the **knowledge of Yahuah**, and of Yahusha our Mashiach, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, <u>through</u> the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue...

2 Peter 1:2-3

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in **the knowledge of our King Yahusha ha Mashiach**.

2 Peter 1:8

But grow in grace, and in **the knowledge of our King and Saviour Yahusha ha Mashiach**. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

1 Peter 3:18

What about the loins?

As the seat of strength, the loins are a sign of readiness for service or endeavor. It can be said that a man whose strength is in his attachment to TRUTH (or even faithfulness), is spoken of as having his loins girt about with truth.

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The TRUTH is a **BELT of STRENGTH** placed in the perfect location on our bodies to hold us up; it helps us to STAND!

Breastplate of righteousness!

He gives us His righteousness

over our circumsized hearts!

as a guard

Our hearts need His protection

Just look what our own hearts can do to us!

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23

> For as he thinketh in his heart, <mark>so is he</mark>... Proverbs 23:7

For if our *heart condemn us,* Yahuah is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 1 John 3:20

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jeremiah 17:98

His righteousness is our guard

When we are clothed in the righteousness of Yahusha – through faith – it becomes a breastplate of protection that cannot be penetrated... no accusation, no condemnation!

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Yahuah's elect? It is Yahuah that justifieth. Romans 8:33

There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Mashiach Yahusha, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1

I will greatly rejoice in Yahuah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness... Isaiah 61:10

The word flows out of us

He is the Word, and we keep Him in our hearts so His righteousness will flow outward from within us...

Let the words of my mouth and the **meditation of my heart** be acceptable in your sight, O Yahuah, my rock and my redeemer. Matthew 6:21

> **Create in me a clean heart**, O Yahuah; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 19:14

⁶For Yahuah, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts**, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of Yahuah in the face of Yahusha ha Mashiach. 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Feet shod with gospel of peace



Did you notice? We're still in standing position?! And now we're going to bind our feet with His good news!

His gospel is our peace & strength

When we are firm in His gospel, the good news of our salvation, we are joyful and peaceful – and we are strong! We are overcomers, just like Him!

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

But before we put the shoes on!

What else is this "gospel of peace"?

Peace is shalom – and what is shalom?

Shalom in Hebrew means completeness, soundness, welfare, and peace. But take it to its root, even to ancient Hebrew, and we see that it this shalom comes when we destroy the authority that causes chaos!

Our Prince of Shalom, Yahusha, gave us *His* shalom through redemption and then told us to go and share it with the world!

Then said Yahusha to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 20:21

Now we put on our battle shoes



Roman battle shoes were sandals with spikes on the underside. These spikes gave them solid footing and stability as they went into battle.

Our battle shoes, being our faith in the gospel of our salvation, brings the shalom that grounds us and makes us immovable when trouble comes.

His gospel is the peace for others

When our feet are shod – or bound up – with the gospel of Yahusha, we literally stand in it, and we walk with it, and we are prepared at any given time to proclaim it to others! Chaos cannot come against us!

> How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

Shield of faith

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Ephesians 6:16



Above all... the shield of faith

Why above all?? Without faith it is impossible to please the Father! Our faith in the Savior's finished work and all His promises to us will drive everything we do! It began our walk, it sustains our walk, and it will bring endurance and victory to the end of our walk... FOR HE IS FAITHFUL!

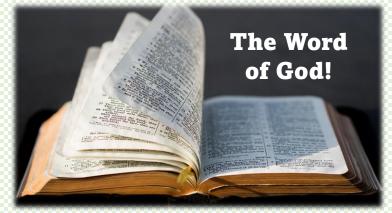
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

For therein is the righteousness of Yahusha revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Romans 1:17

For whatsoever is born of Yahuah overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

A WORD about Faith

If "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Yahuah", what does that make faith?



And if "faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of unseen", then where does the Word apply here?

> The WORD is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the EVIDENCE of things unseen; and... The WORD became FLESH and dwelt among us...

The Word is our faith; therefore, the Word is what we believe, speak, obey, and do, no matter the circumstances or situation.

The shield repels the enemy

The enemy wants to continuously cripple us through spiritual injury and offense, shooting piercing darts at every opportunity. Our steadfast faith, as a shield or resistance, will thwart them!

> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith...

1 Peter 5:8-9

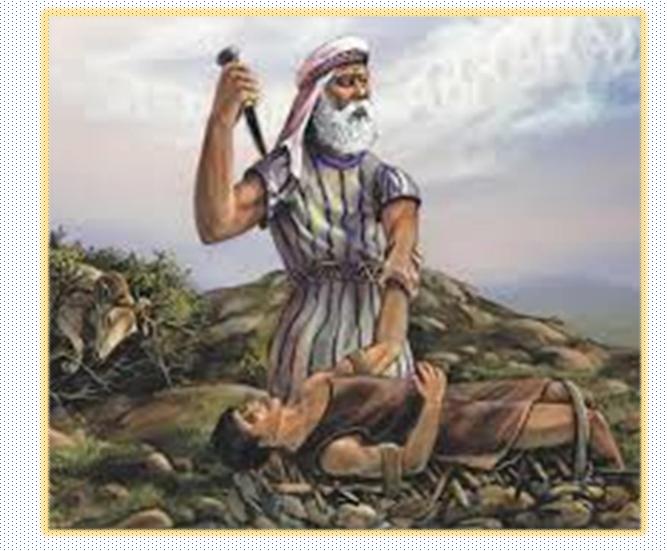
Submit yourselves therefore to Yahuah. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Faith that endures

Abraham, our example...

He staggered not at the promise of Yahuah through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to Yahuah; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Romans 4:20-21

Abraham believed Yahuah's spoken words to him, and it was accounted to him as righteousness!



Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for Yahuah in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends.

George Mueller

Helmet of salvation

We should never enter battle without the head protected! Injury to the head can result in instant death.

What injury might be inflicted upon our minds (which is somewhat of a conduit for the soul) that could take us down?

Discouragement and doubt in our salvation!

If we ever lose hope in the promise of our eternal salvation, we will have no hope for the present.

Remember, if the head is injured, the whole body dies!



The helmet is the hope

Our hope in our eternal salvation is a great hope! Within this hope, we protect our minds from any attack of the enemy!

> But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the **hope of salvation**. 1 Thessalonians 5:8

For we are **saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? Romans 8:24

This great hope of eternal salvation gives us confidence and assurance that our current struggle with the enemy <u>will not last forever</u>, and we will be victorious in the end!!

He gives us a living hope!

We have a LIVING hope! When our helmet of salvation is firmly in place, it's like an anchor to our soul, and we can greatly rejoice!

Blessed be Yahuah the Father of our King Yahusha ha Mashiach, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Yahusha ha Mashiach from the dead... 1 Peter 1:3

> Which hope we have as **an anchor of the soul**, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil... Hebrews 6:19

Who are **kept by the power of Yahuah through faith unto salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye **greatly rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations... 1 Peter 1:5

Hope in salvation will defeat the storm!

But they that wait upon Yahuah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of Yahuah is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us. Romans 5:5

Sword of the Spirit (which is the word of Yahuah)

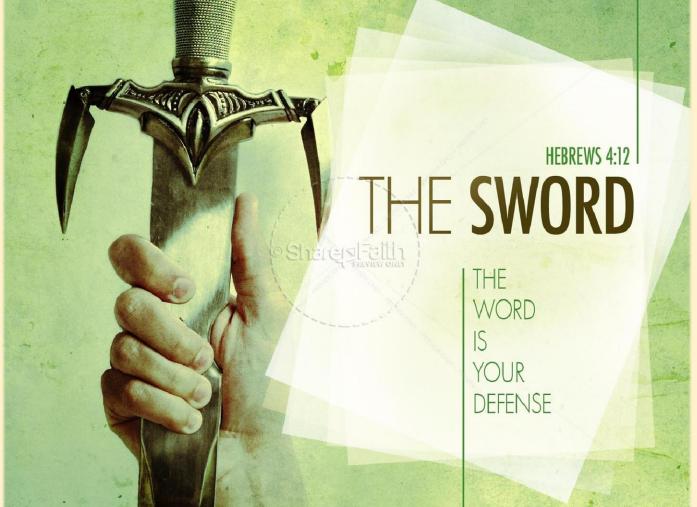
All of the armor is for your protection, but the sword is the only one that can also injure or kill the enemy!

What good is a warrior without a sword?!

For the word of Yahuah is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Doesn't the sword (the word) even wound our own hearts as we take it in??!

The sword is our defense



Our Father is a man of war, and He gives us His own sword for battle!!

Yahuah is a man of war: YAHUAH is his name. Exodus 15:3

The sword is the Word in action – Yahusha in action – the Breath of Yahuah, and He trains us to use it correctly!

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

The Sword of the Spirit is the power of Yahuah!

All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahuah, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness... 2 Timothy 3:16

And Yahuah formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. Psalm 104:30

And He told us to use it!!

His sword is our power

We hide away the Word of Yahuah in our hearts that it may be our spoken and lived answer in every situation!

Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like you, a people saved by Yahuah, who is the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places. Deuteronomy 33:29

If I sharpen My flashing sword, and My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, and I will repay those who hate Me. Deuteronomy 32:41

Arise, O Yahuah, confront him, bring him low; deliver my soul from the wicked with <mark>Your sword</mark>. Psalm 37:32

Praying always

Praying and watching is also part of the armor!!

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and **watching** thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints...

Ephesians 6:18

Praying makes the armor complete!

Therefore take up the **whole armor** of Yahuah, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:13



Praying the Word

Remembering that Faith = Word, and we know the Father's Word never returns to Him void, then we are equipped with the knowledge that we should pray the Word!

Praying the Word in faith speaks forth the Word into the atmosphere – the Word that has already been determined and accomplished in the Spirit. Therefore, our voice speaking forth His promises releases it in the earth.

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the King Yahusha, and shalt believe in thine heart that Yahuah hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:8-10

The same applies to everything we pray!

Praying <u>and</u> watching

Obviously praying and watching go hand in hand, and praying without watching can possibly leave us vulnerable.

> Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

And as we endure in these very last moments of time, praying and watching will prepare us for what is to come and to escape!

> Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36

Did you notice?

In all the armor, there's nothing for the back!!



This is because we must PRESS FORWARD in the fullness of faith, fully armored, to face the giants, knowing <u>Yahuah</u> will be our <u>rear guard</u>.

If we turn back and run, He has no pleasure in us, and we are exposed.

Our armor is founded and grounded in faith!

And without faith it is impossible to please Yahuah... Hebrews 11:6

For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for Yahuah will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Isaiah 52:12

The armor in the OT

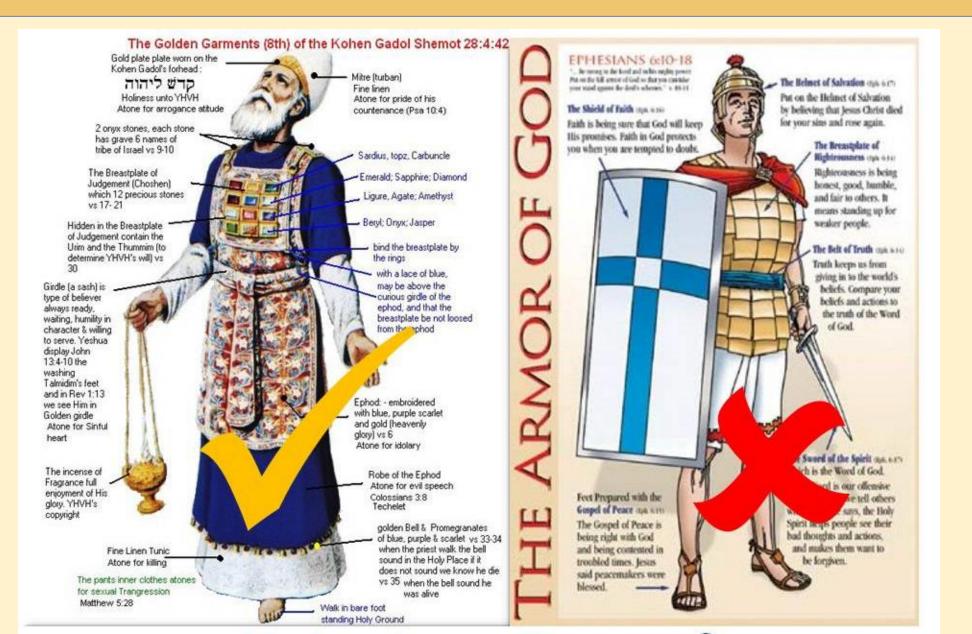
This armor is nothing new! It's always been His armor, and He's always wanted His people to use it in faith!

He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. Isaiah 59:17

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. Isaiah 11:5

These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so they may serve me as priests. Exodus 28:4

Hebraic armor vs Roman armor



Our Hebraic armor

Belt of Truth

Leviticus 8:6-7

Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. And he put the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod, and with it tied the ephod on him.

Breastplate of Righteousness

Exodus 28:15

You shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it.

Our Hebraic armor

Shield of Faith

Psalm 3:1-3

Yahuah, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in Yahuah." Selah But You, O Yahuah, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Feet shod with Gospel of Peace

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Yahuah reigns!"

Our Hebraic armor

Helmet of Salvation

Exodus 28:38

So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before Yahuah.

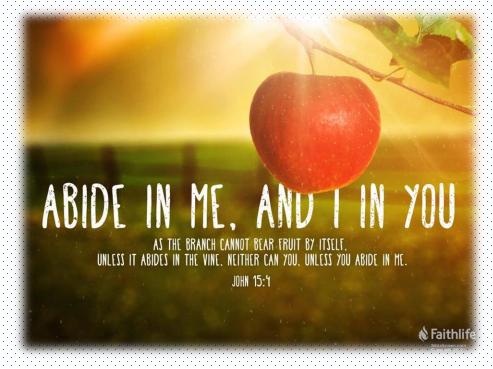
Sword of the Spirit

Isaiah 49:2

And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.

He calls us to abide

As we walk the narrow path that leads to the kingdom, all He has is ours. He gives to us freely! We abide in Him and He abides in us!



If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

John 15:7-9

His path will take us to the finish line!



Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Yahuah in Mashiach Yahusha.

Philippians 3:13-14