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# BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

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## *Tonight's Journal entry...*

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### Press On!

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As much as I detest most household chores that take me away from the 'funner' things in life, (like bible journaling and singing), one surprisingly thing I enjoy is ironing. I have since I was kid. What I think causes me to enjoy this menial task for most people is the end result. I love way the heat quickly gets the job done. A once unkempt piece of fabric is quickly rendered smooth and the wrinkles magically disappear.

It's how I wish my life was. Smooth, crisp and clean; a look of a tailored, organized woman who had it all together. Unfortunately most of my life looks like what's laid wadded up in the dryer for 24 hours, cold, wrinkled and pretty worn.

My Mother's an ironer, my daughters or not, I have a feeling that the well kept woman look will stop with my generation.

Philippians 3:13-15 reminds me that much like the heat of the iron, my often life under fire is what will keep me "pressing on!"

*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 God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

#### **I have not Apprehended**

Paul said that he had not apprehended, had not come to the perfect knowledge of Christ Jesus. My pressed and starched life is so far off in the distance on this side of Jordan, it's almost laughable. It's a persona that I try to put on for friend and family

so that I can believe I have them fooled, but those close to me know that it is a façade, and for certain Jesus knows the rumpled and wrinkled life of the Jesus Chick.

### **I have not Arrived**

Paul said that he was reaching forth. Often time's success for me is like that carrot dangling in front of the mule as she merrily goes along life's pathway believing the prize will be had "soon." When? I don't know, I just know that there is a driving force that keeps me on the path that God chooses in hopes of obtaining that prize the my Lord desires me to have. It may not be until Heaven. Or it may be today.

### **I need to be ready for Anything! Except perfection...**

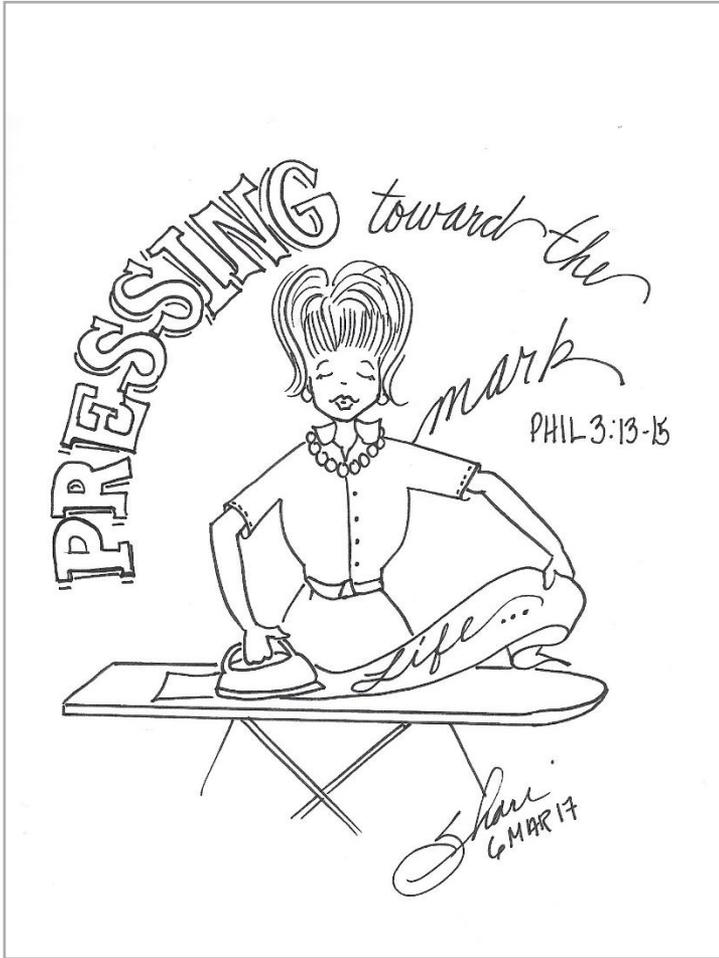
I guess in my previous readings of these verses I focused more on the prize of the high calling, the anointing that God has placed on my life rather than the process of getting there and the realization that my perfect, unwrinkled life is not to be obtained here. Here is messy. Here is far from perfect.

John Gill's commentary said this: Otherwise minded as to seek justification by the works of the law, or partly by Christ and partly by the law, and to expect perfection in this life.

Our works will be tried by fire. And like the iron, that heat will press those wrinkles out but not here, not now. Not 'til then.

So for now I'll enjoy my smoothly iron clothes when I occasionally have the time to actually get the ironing done. And when I don't, I'll try to be glad I have clothes to cover up.

I'll always be glad for grace and mercy that covers a multitude of sin.



*... here is messy. Here is far from perfect. Just keep pressing...*

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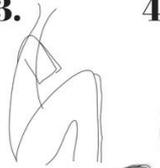
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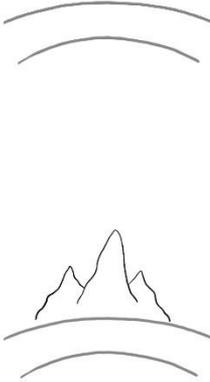


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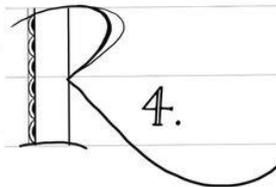
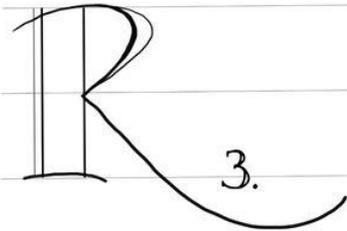
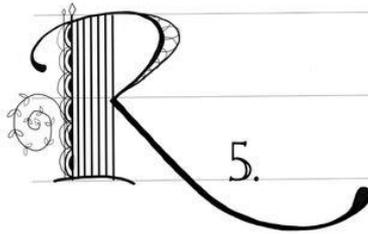
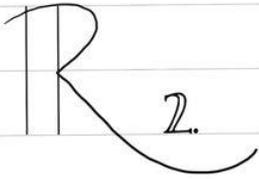
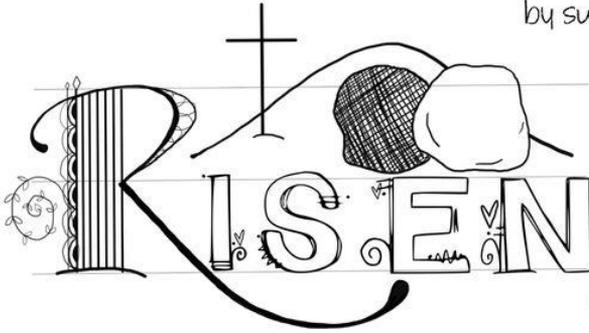


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