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"Press on!"

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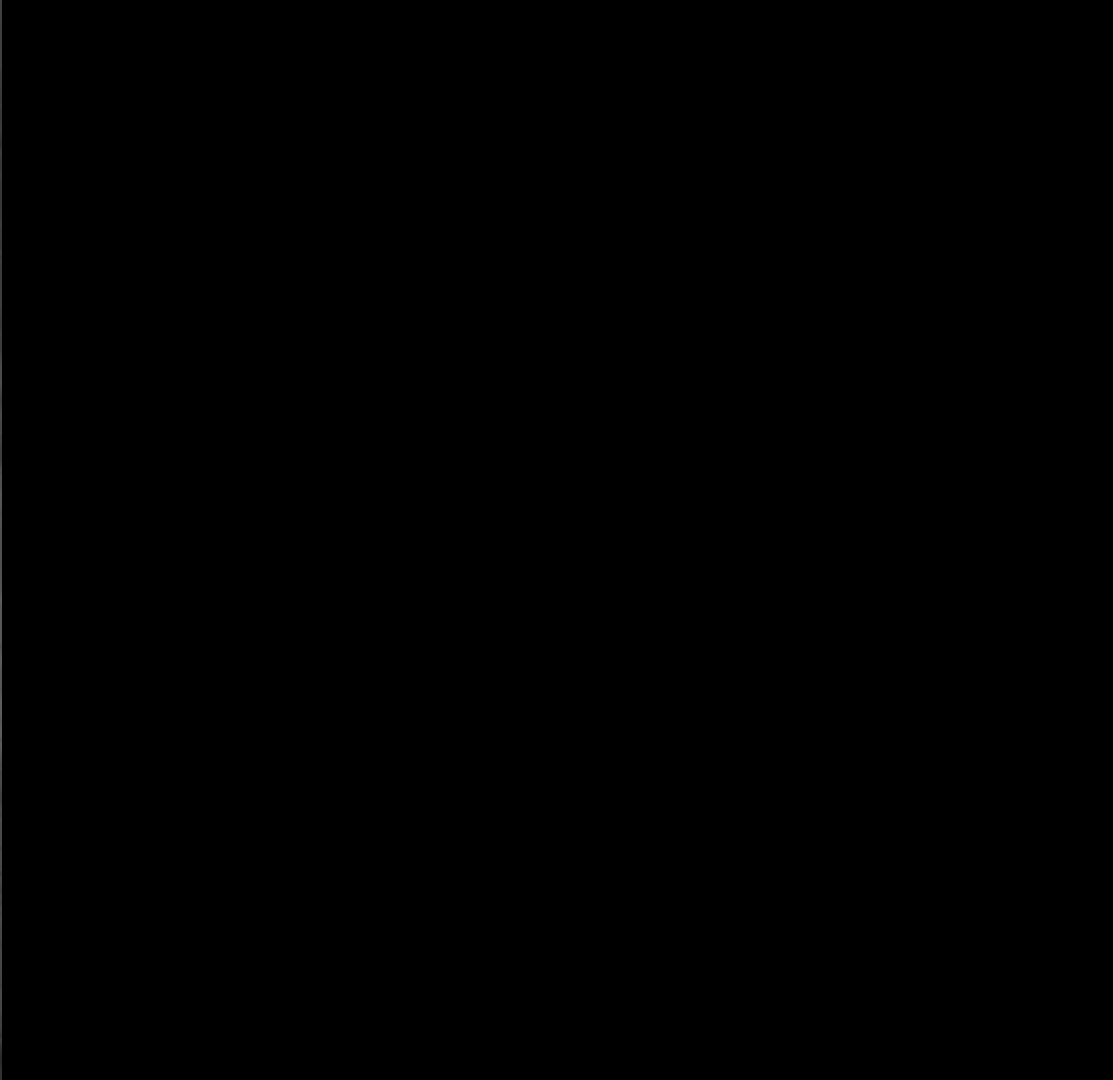
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The slogan "press on"  
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The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

Setting His Face to Jerusalem  
Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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## John 3:1-3

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Stoning is the most common form of execution found in the OT, used in such cases as those involving blasphemy (Lev 24:14, 16, 23) and apostasy (Lev 20:2; Deut 13:11). This OT background is important because the indictment against Jerusalem for stoning “those who are sent to it” thus identifies Jerusalem as attributing blasphemy or apostasy to the very ones whom God has sent.

~Joel Green, New International Commentary  
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