

Salmon Saints

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Philippians 3:14-15

Going from *glory to glory* is not a lateral move; it is a promotion to a higher level of a greater degree of transformation. Picture salmon; it's in their DNA to go up stream, even though it takes great effort and sacrifice to go to a higher level. They are in the same water but they keep pressing upward to get closer to the source of the flow. Speaking metaphorically, it takes less effort to stay where you are and no effort at all to drift backwards (backslide). Like the salmon, the apostle Paul expresses a focus of pursuit that is amazing for someone who could easily "rest" on his past accomplishments. Rather than that, he draws upon all his remaining strength and strains forward for *the prize* of the next level of glory. Then lest we think that sort of thing is only for the super-spiritual he says in essence, if you have the mind of God on this, you will do the same.