

Press Forward with a Steadfastness in Christ Debeis Seguir Adelante Con Firmeza en Cristo

Text: 2 Nephi 30:21

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Summary: This scripture teaches the gospel plan: If we press forward with faith, hope, and love, delight ourselves in the gospel, and endure faithfully to the end, Heavenly Father promises us eternal life.

History: This song came about during a time of Shelter-in-Place for COVID-19 in California which began March 20, 2020. One week into the official Shelter, Hermana Nally and Hermana Pulleiro, serving as missionaries in the Ventura California Mission, challenged Sister Johnson (via Skype of course) to memorize a scripture verse in Spanish to help her acquire the language. She chose this verse.

Hermana Nally and Hermana Pulleiro then made a little video to reach out to Sister Johnson's 87-year-old mother who, since March 11, 2020, had been in preventive quarantine in her assisted living home and unable to be visited.

In that video, they sang the first 7 words of the verse with the melody that appears below. Sister Johnson took that motif, sat down to write a song, and it was completed in the evening of March 29, 2020.

♩ = 120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 120. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-6) includes the lyrics 'Press for-ward with a'. The second system (measures 7-11) includes the lyrics 'stead-fast-ness in Christ, hav-ing a per-fect bright-ness of hope, and a love of God'. The third system (measures 12-16) includes the lyrics 'and of all men. Where - fore if ye shall press for - ward'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are triplet markings in measures 8 and 9 of the second system.

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— feast-ing up - on the words of Christ, and en - dure to the end, be - hold thus sa-ith the

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Fa ther: ——— Ye shall have e - ter - nal life.

30

De - be - is se-guir a-del-

35

ant-e con fir - me-za en Cris - to ten-i-en-do un ful-gor per - fec-to de es-per

41

an - za y a - mor por Dios y por to-dos los hom - bres.

46

Por tan - to si mar-chais a-del-ant-e de-lei-tan - doos en la pa-la-bra de

52

Crist - o y per-sev-er - ais has-ta la fin, he a - qui a - si di-ce el

57

Pa - dre; Ten-drais la vi - da e - -

61

ter - - na. *8va*