

Made New Series Part 2
PPT “Moving Past Your Past”
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Moving Past Your Past

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. (NIV)

- One of the incredible results of your faith in Jesus is that you are given **the power to move past your past.**

“To err is human, to forgive, divine.” –Alexander Pope

“To err is human, to blame it on someone else is more human.” –Author unknown

You Are a Work in Progress

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Definitions

A. Forgive

- In Greek, *aphiemi*, “to send from, send forth, send away”
- To grant relief from payment of debt.

From Old English *forgifan*, an expanded form of “to give”

- “To give up” the right to have that which is perfect
- “To give forth” acceptance and grace

B. Forgiveness

The act of pardoning an offender from the penalty of wrongdoing.

The act of granting relief from payment of debt.

The act of choosing to turn loose the **bitter bondages of unforgiveness.**

- Rage
- Resentment
- Retaliation
- Rejection
- Revenge

The Lord has forgiven you!

Colossians 3:13 “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

To move past your past, you must put it to death.

Galatians 2:20-21 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

- We must die to our old self to come alive to all the new possibilities and opportunities that God has ahead of us.

MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH

Psalm 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

“Grace is the face that love wears when it meets imperfection.”

- The cross allows you to move past your past.

Psalm 103:10,12

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Prayer: *“God, I receive your forgiveness and grace for me. I know I do not deserve it, but I know that Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection has made it available to me. Free me for joyful obedience as I seek to live life your way. Thank you for making me new.”*

Be set free from self-condemnation!

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Receive the new thing God is doing in your life!

Isaiah 43:18 “Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! (MSG)