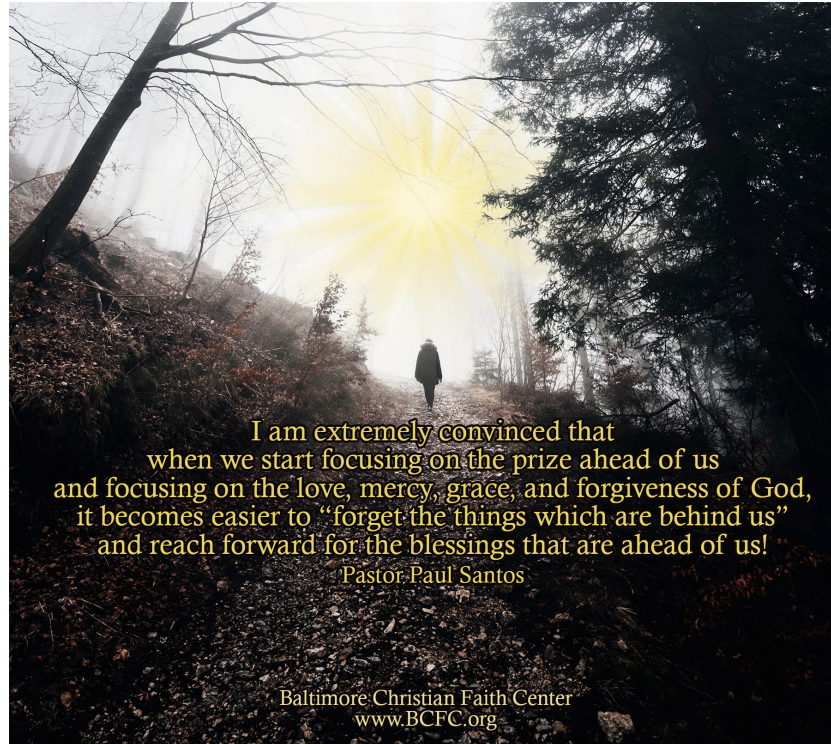


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Most of the victories we have are through conquering and possessing what we have already conquered. Notwithstanding, there are few victories in life that can only be achieved through releasing. One of the fundamental keys to overcoming disappointments in our lives is by learning to let go of grudges, resentments, and hurts from the past! That takes place when we release forgiveness and let go of the past. How do we do this? By not only choosing to forgive those who have hurt and wronged us, but by also believing God will restore to us anything that was taken from us.

When we received Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, forgiveness was offered to each one of us individually, and we were released from the pressure of needing to make up for past mistakes and failures. We’ve experienced a bright new beginning and this new good life God has for all of us. When we choose to hold on to grudges, we always get the short end of the stick. That’s why I believe the apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14: “...dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what

lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” I am extremely convinced that when we start focusing on the prize ahead of us and focusing on the love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness of God, it becomes easier to “forget the things which are behind us” and reach forward for the blessings that are ahead of us! It will be easier to press forward without being held by the dungeon of bitterness and the lack of forgiveness. Don’t let regrets or the pain of yesterday destroy the hopes and the brighter tomorrow God has for you! No matter what has happened in the past, our God is a God of restoration, and He will restore whatever the devil or anyone else has stolen from us.

Go right ahead, accept God’s gracious forgiveness; and in return, release those whom you might have kept in the prison of unforgiveness, and look forward to the wonderful and bright future God has for you. It’s not worth it to miss our victory by not “releasing” our offenders! God has a brighter future for each one of us! Let’s win through release!

In His service, your fellow servant,
Pastor Paul Santos