

Say Good-Bye to Your Past and Experience Your Miracle Today! **Pastor's Desk – October 1, 2023**



Memory is a wonderful faculty of the mind, providing us with a perpetual feast of all that is cherished from our past. But it may also be a cruel taskmaster that will blackmail us with emotions and recollections that we so desperately wish to forget.

What does the Bible say about dealing with our past? Listen to these powerful words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:13-14, "But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Here is a man that experienced a lot of pain (2 Cor. 4:9-10) unusual successes, intense and stiff opposition, not to mention all the trials; and yet he had a radiant hope and practical advice to offer for all of us today.

The Apostle Paul lived with a wide range of memories, both pleasant and painful, yet his advice is very down to earth and encouraging: “Forgetting those things which are past.” Our past can be a powerful tool when managing life’s greatest challenges, as long as we know how to deal with it. Memories must help us to learn from past experiences and then leave it behind; don’t get stuck on it, don’t let it dictate how we live today. When we dwell in it, we can’t get anywhere, and many times we relive a dream that may never come true or a nightmare that we wish we had no more. The Word tells us to look forward for the things that are ahead, because that is what really matters.

You can’t change your past, but you choose your future! There is a “prize” for your calling in Christ Jesus. Don’t waste one more minute! Look ahead for the miracle God has for you today, reach out for those things the Lord has ahead for you, and enjoy a life full of miracles and blessings. God wouldn’t want it any other way.

In His service, your fellow servant,
Pr. Paul Santos