

JUNE 2

“DON'T LET THE PAST STEAL YOUR JOY.”

READ

Philippians 3:7-14

Why do we look back on the past? Why do we live in regret? It's human nature, and a ploy of the enemy. We need to forget those things that are behind and reach for those things ahead. God in His mercy has given us another day to serve Him. He expects us to live today, move forward, and not dwell on yesterday. Every phase of life is good and valuable. Revenge and regret can only live in the soil of yesterday, and all they produce is bitterness. If we walk after the Spirit, we will forget the past and reach for the future. Keep marching ahead. Let trouble be an opportunity, instead of an inconvenience. God has a process: He wants you to keep growing and to press on for the mark of glory. Do not hang onto yesterday. It can become a prison. Forgive and forget. When you fail, admit it, and make it right. Don't let the past steal your joy! If you have anger or resentment, ask God to forgive, cleanse, and deliver you. The cross of Jesus Christ erases our sins, our yesterdays, and points us to the prize.

PRAY

Lord, it is disheartening to remember the things I should forget, and forget the things I should remember. Renew my mind. Restore to me the joy of my salvation.

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