Moving Beyond Your Past

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INTRODUCTION

- Feelings of guilt and shame and sorrow are all necessary feelings that we must have if we're going to properly seek God's forgiveness.
- For so many of God's children, after they receive forgiveness from God, they don't feel very forgiven.
- Satan right now is assaulting you not with something current or existing right now, but with the past.

1 Understand That You're Not Alone

Acts 8:1–3; 1 Timothy 1:12–13

- You're gonna have to understand that you're not alone.
- Moses had a sinful past. And so did David.
- Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house and dragging off men and women, he put them in prison.
- I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a vile aggressor, yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief.
- Like Paul, we all, every single one of us has things we've done in our past that are sinful.

2 Trust in the Forgiveness of God

Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:9; Hebrews 10:17

- The problem is we can't move on because we don't trust the scriptures. We don't trust God's forgiveness.
- We can quote it all day. But do we trust it?
- If we really trust God, we're not going to be doing something he says he's not doing.
- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.
- If God says he is done with our sins, then we need to be done with them too.
- Paul places the emphasis on God. He places the emphasis on the grace of God.

3 Leave the Past in the Past

Philippians 3:8–13

- The next thing we need to do is just leave the past in the past.
- Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead.
- A second thing that Paul left in his past was the guilt of his past sins.
- Our past sinful life is over and we're now new creatures in Christ.
- It's the devil who wants us to wallow in the guilt of our past sins.

4 Move Forward with Jesus

Philippians 3:13–14

- The final thing we need to do is we need to move forward with Jesus.
- He used the disappointment of his past as fuel to accomplish his goal in the future.
- We need to use our past mistakes as rocket fuel to be better for the Lord in the future.
- Not as something that will constantly drag us down and beat us down and wear us out, but as something that can launch us out into a positive future.

THE CHALLENGE

Trust that God's forgiven you and move forward with Jesus and to a great future.

MY NOTES