

FORGETTING THE PAST

TIME TO EMBRACE THE NEW

I. How to press toward the goal

A. Believe God has something good for you

1 Corinthians 2:9a TLB

...no mere man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord.

Psalm 27:13 TLB

I am expecting the Lord to rescue me again, so that once again I will see his goodness to me here in the land of the living.

QUESTION: Are you expecting to receive the goodness of God now or do you feel unworthy to receive anything good from God?

B. Encourage yourself – speak the Word of God

Acts 20:32 TLB

"And now I entrust you to God and his care and to his WONDERFUL WORDS that are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for himself.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 TLB

So encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing.

C. DREAM AGAIN – Get the goals and directions of God clearly in your mind

QUESTION: What do you really see (your dreams, a vision to make a lasting impact on you & others. All godly dreams & visions will impact others not only you).

Jeremiah 1:11–12 AMP

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see the branch of an almond tree." [12] Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it."

QUESTION: Are you seeing like God is really showing you or are you seeing based on your past limitations?

- You can't dream greater than God can produce
- Don't set limitations on God
- All things are possible with God
- All things are possible to them that believe

POWER POINT– God will fulfill his word in your life. It will not happen overnight, but it will come to pass.

Proverbs 21:5 TPT

Brilliant ideas pay off and bring you prosperity, but making hasty, impatient decisions will only lead to financial loss.

D. Start doing something different that will have a positive impact on your dream

Note: Stir up the creativity in you– talk with creative thinkers, go see things that will enlarge your imagination.

2 Timothy 1:6 TPT

I'm writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle a the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you

CONNECT AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CREATIVE THINKERS

Proverbs 13:20 ERV

Be friends with those who are wise, and you will become wise.

E. Be diligent, stay with it, don't give up

Galatians 6:9 AMP

Let us not grow weary or become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in.

Proverbs 13:4 TLB

Lazy people want much but get little, while the diligent are prospering.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there something in your past hindering you from really moving forward to do something that is really in your heart? (stopped going after your dream, settled for something not what you really desired, felt UNWORTHY)
2. Have you been able to forgive yourself as well as others from sins in your past? Are you really ready to move forward?
3. Explain how you are pressing toward your new dreams, vision & goals. What are you seeing (imagination)?

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE AND YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO DREAM ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS GOD HAS PREPARED FOR YOU