

## Notes:

# GETTING PAST MY PAST

Identity Theft Series: Sermon 3 part 2  
Philippians 3:12-14 Pastor David Redmond February 27, 2011

Churches are full of spiritual cripples, paralyzed by the grudges, bitterness, sins, and tragedies of the past. Others try to survive in the present by reliving past successes. They must break with that past if they are to pursue the spiritual prize. God is interested in what believers do now and in the future. "No one," declared Jesus, "after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). The clearest vision belongs to those who forget the past.

(John MacArthur)

## REVIEW:

### **There Is A Spiritual Battle Over My Past.**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Ephesians 6:10-13 (NAS)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

I Peter 5:8-10 (NIV)

### **Areas Of Our Past That Are Attacked Include:**

**Fears – Failures – Feelings/Emotions –  
Fantasies/Imagination – Frustrations – Forgiveness**

Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NAS)

## Biblical Examples

\_\_\_\_\_ : Read his story in 2 Chronicles 22:10-24:27

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But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. <sup>4</sup>When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." <sup>5</sup>However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm. Acts 28:3-5 (NAS)

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Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers. Luke 22:31-32 (NAS)

And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times." <sup>31</sup>But Peter kept saying insistently, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all were saying the same thing also. Mark 14:30-31 (NAS)

And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too." <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." <sup>58</sup>A little later, another saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup>After about an hour had passed, another man began to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too." <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly. Luke 22:56-62 (NAS)

See: John 21:3-17

## Application:

### 1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12 (NIV)

### 2. Take \_\_\_\_\_ Of Your \_\_\_\_\_.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. Philippians 3:13 (NIV)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Right \_\_\_\_\_.

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose. Proverbs 18:21

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14 (NLT)

### 4. Take The \_\_\_\_\_ Action.

I press on to take hold...forgetting, straining, press on toward goal,

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:28-29 (NIV)

### 5. Possess A \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Philippians 3:15 (NIV)