

Forget About It!

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Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV

¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Some say it is easier to forget than forgive. This statement may be true but I would like to offer another option. What if every day you attempted to forget the things of your past that have caused you a delay in your Christian growth? Those things that make you look back at your past and say “if only I had listened” or the other, “would have should have, could have” moments in life. Truthfully speaking, you had to endure most of these things to become who God wants you to be in Christ Jesus. Without experiences either good or bad, we could not appreciate the grace of God. While forgetting the things of your past every day you can fill the void of the past with the Word of God.

The Word of God will prepare you to handle your next mile markers of life.

Let us consider forgetting the past because God promises to do a new thing. Can't you see God is making a new way and causing us all to walk in the path that will bless us as long as He, being God, remains our focus? In Jeremiah 29:11 the Bible declares “for I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

In the words of Elsa, let it go! Your future will be brighter because of letting go and forgetting your past. Your past cannot lead you where you need to go because you cannot look backwards while seeing forward. A random thought, things in the rearview mirror are closer than they appear. If your past remains a part of your life then you will become trapped in your past, unable to move forward.

I believe like Elsa. Let it go and fly high like the eagles because God knows the plans, He has for you. Now get to step-in!