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LETTING GO OF YOUR PAST

Fellowship and Friendship – Part 1

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Philippians 3:12-14

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

I cannot _____ to the present, if I am still _____ to my past.

HOW TO LET GO OF YOUR PAST

1. FIRST, I MUST GIVE UP MY _____ .

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32

"...wrath kills a foolish man, and envy slays a simple one." Job 5:2

2. SECOND, I MUST GIVE UP MY _____ .

"David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground...Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died" 2 Samuel 12:16-18

3 Things To Do:

1. Accept what _____ .

"And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept...But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again?" 2 Samuel 12:22-23

2. Play _____ and Pray _____ .

"So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped" 2 Samuel 12:20

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up" Isaiah 6:1

3. Focus on _____ not _____ .

"Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon." 2 Samuel 12:24

III. THIRD, I MUST GIVE UP MY _____ .

Two options:

- The wrong way (Judas): _____

"Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful... and went and hanged himself." Matthew 27:3-5

- The right way (Peter): _____

"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus...he went out and wept bitterly"
Matthew 26:75

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9

