



MESSAGE NOTES

Living In the Present

Isaiah 52:12
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Isaiah 52:12 But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

1. Forget the past

Hebrews 8:12 “For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

God’s not thinking about all our past failures and mistakes. So neither should we. After we come to Jesus and confess our sins to Him, He cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

2. Focus on the present

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

God gives us just enough time and energy to accomplish the things He wants us to do that day. We were created to be in a loving relationship with Him. We weren’t designed to be constantly worrying about the past or the future.

3. Trust for the future

Philippians 3:13-14 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, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Our future is bright. We don’t need to worry about it. We just need to press on towards it. To live in the strength and hope of having that wonderful future ahead of us.