

A Distracting Past
Philippians 3:12-16

REST

DESPITE

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The Past...

What I Know About the Past...

1. It really, truly happened.
2. It impacts us today.
3. It cannot be changed.

What We Often Remember About the Past...

1. Our Hurts...
2. Our Failures...
3. Our Successes...

What We Often Do With Our Past...

1. Suppress It.
2. Excuse It.
3. Glamorize It.

BIG Idea: To put your past in the past, you must recognize who you really are in the present and reach for who you need to be in the future.

How to Put Your Past in the Past God's Way...

Recognize who you really are in the present (Phil. 3:12)...

1. You're not perfect...

2. But you're being perfected...



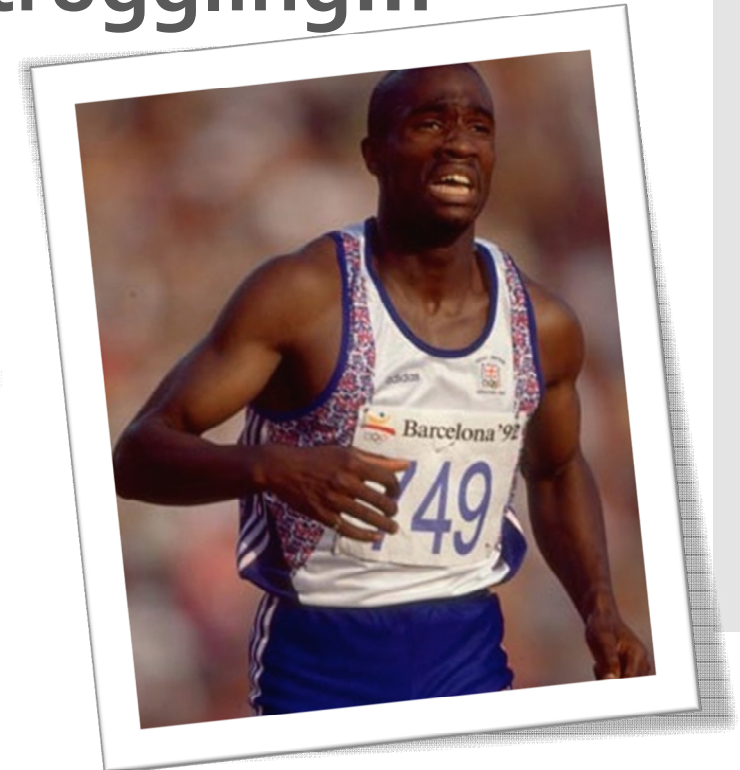
"He's still working on me...to make me what I need to be...it took him just a week to make the moon and stars...the sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars...How loving and patient He must be...Cause He's still workin' on me..."

3. Because your owned by Perfection...

How to Put Your Past in the Past God's Way...

Reach for who you need to be in the future (Phil. 3:13-16)...

1. Godly Despite Fallen...
2. Focused by Forgetting...
3. Straining, Striving, Struggling...



Our past, far from being the central focus of our lives, is nothing more than a platform to launch us into our God-ordained future.