



WE WIN – PART 7

WARNING: DON'T LOOK BACK!

Introduction:

If there is one reoccurring theme in the scriptures it is that God loves us just the way we are, but he loves us too much to leave us where we are. So, the question is: How do I resist the temptation to let go the past and to move forward into the wonderful plans that God has prepared for me? The journey into the future can only be accomplished if we refuse to look back.

Scriptures:

- 1 JOHN 2:15-17, NKJV
- GENESIS 19:12-23, NLT
- LUKE 17:31-33, THE MESSAGE
- PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14, NLT

Discussion Questions:

1. God loves us just the way we are, but he loves us too much to leave us where we are. What is your understanding of this statement?
2. What does it mean to "love the world?" as mentioned in 1 JOHN 2:15, NKJV?
3. When the Bible tells us that Lot's wife, "looked back," what are the truths that we are to apply?
4. Why is releasing the past so important to God?
5. How have you resisted the temptation to look back?

Moving Forward:

- My Future is never in my past!
- My Past will not determine who I will be!
- My Faith will bring me into unlimited possibilities!

Changing Your Mind:

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ (PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8-NLT).