



# SKYLINE

## CHURCH

### What Are You Looking At?

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#### Rescue - \_\_\_\_\_

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father...*

GALATIANS 1:3-4 (NIV)

#### Redeem - \_\_\_\_\_

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to **redeem** those under the law, that we might receive **adoption to sonship**. (Reconcile/Restore)*

GALATIANS 4:4-5 (NIV)

#### Reconcile - \_\_\_\_\_

*For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

ROMANS 5:10 (NIV)

#### Renew - \_\_\_\_\_

*That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16 (NLT)

# You Can't **M O V E F O R W A R D** While You're **L O O K I N G B A C K**.

## What Has You Looking Back?

### 1. Old **S I N S**

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*

**ROMANS 8:1 (NLT)**

### 2. Old **R E G R E T S**

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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.*

**ISAIAH 43:18-19 (NIV)**

### 3. Old **W O U N D S / H U R T S**

*Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many...*

**HEBREWS 12:15 (NLT)**

### 4. Old **W A Y S**

*Remember what happened to Lot's wife! If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.*

**LUKE 17:32-33 (NLT)**

### 5. Old **D R E A M S**

*Don't long for "the good old days." This is not wise.*

**ECCLESIASTES 7:10 (NLT)**

But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

LUKE 9:62 (NLT)

## How Do You Stop Looking Back...

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.

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14 (NIV)

1. **F O R G E T** what is **B E H I N D** **Y O U**.

2. Press **O N** **T O W A R D S** what's **A H E A D** of you.

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being **renewed** every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, **we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen**. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (NLT)

3. **F I X** **Y O U R** **E Y E S** on a **L I F E** **O F** **F A I T H**.

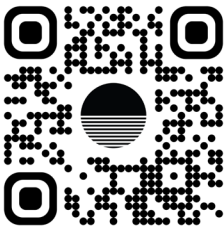
4. Get a **V I S I O N** **F O R** **Y O U R** Life...

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## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 Read Philippians 3:13-14. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. How does your treatment of the past affect your ability to share Jesus with your Oikos?
- 3 What "old" things keeps you from moving forward in your faith?
- 4 How do you plan to stop looking back?
- 5 How can we be praying for you this week?



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## Upcoming Events

- 11.12 | Classic Praise
- 11.15 | Membership Dinner
- 11.18 | Turkey Trot Fun Run/5K
- 11.19 | Baptisms  
Child Dedications  
Operation Christmas Child Begins