# Philadelphia Church

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"Remember yesterday is history, you cannot change it... Tomorrow is a mystery, look forward to it"

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# Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 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.

We need to forget our past and focus on the future.

We cannot stay in the past and at the same time move forward.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:16-18

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

We need to see others through God's eyes. Let's look at what they are becoming rather than what they are.

# Philippians 3:7-8

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

#### Definition

Skubalon- meaning refuse, dregs or dung.

#### Paul's Two Mindsets

- 1. Humility- I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.
- 2. Boldness- I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me.

# What We Need To Forget

#### Negative Things

- Our past sins
  - 1. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- 2. Our past failures
- 3. Our past hurts

#### Positive Things

- 1. Our past successes
- 2. Our past blessings
- 3. Our past pleasures

"Most often what stops us from moving forward is what we are holding on to from the past." - PD

#### Matthew 9:17

Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

# Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

# Philippians 3:13

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When we look back it encourages the likelihood of going back.



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