

YOU HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE IN JESUS.

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1. YOU HAVE TO LET GO OF YOUR PAST *IN ORDER TO* TAKE HOLD OF YOUR FUTURE.

Philippians 3:12-14-ERV

I don't mean that I am exactly what God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal.

But I continue trying to reach it and make it mine. That's what Christ Jesus wants me to do. ***It is the reason he made me his.***

13 Brothers and sisters, I know that I still have a long way to go. ***But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.***

14 ***I keep running hard toward the finish line*** to get the prize that is mine ***because God has called me through Christ Jesus*** to life up there in heaven.

2. YOUR DESTINY, YOUR FUTURE, IS NOT A MATTER OF CHANCE, BUT A MATTER OF CHOICE!

Verse 12b... ***That's what Christ Jesus wants me to do. It is the reason he made me his.***

Deuteronomy 30:19-NLT

"Today I have given you ***the choice between life and death***, between ***blessings and curses***. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness ***the choice you make***. Oh, that ***you would choose life***, so that you and your descendants might live!

Acts 20:24-Amplified

... ***But none of these things move me***, neither do I esteem my life dear to myself, ***if only I may finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have obtained from [which was entrusted to me by] the Lord Jesus,...***

Acts 20:19- KJV... Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Amplified... Serving the Lord with all humility in tears and in the midst of adversity (affliction and trials) which befell me, due to the plots of the Jews [against me];

3. YOU HAVE TO PROCLAIM YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST JESUS *IN ORDER TO* LIVE OUT THAT FREEDOM IN CHRIST JESUS.

Isaiah 61:1-4-Amplified Bible

... THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the ***Lord has anointed and***

qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound. [Rom. 10:15.]

- 2 ***To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, [Matt. 11:2-6; Luke 4:18, 19; 7:22.]***
- 3 ***To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion-- to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit--that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.***
- 4 ***And they shall rebuild the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations and renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.***

Verse 13...I know that I still have a long way to go. ***But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.***

Isaiah 53:3-Amplified Bible

He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him.

- 4 Surely ***He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment]***, yet ***we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. [Matt. 8:17.]***
- 5 But ***He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.***

4. GOD IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR FAILINGS OR FALLINGS, BUT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR RISE UPS AND RUNNING FORWARDS.

Verse 14...14 ***I keep running hard toward the finish line*** to get the prize that is mine ***because God has called me through Christ Jesus*** to life up there in heaven.

GET IT UNDER THE BLOOD OF JESUS, AND MOVE ON.