


FORWARD

...INTO THE FUTURE

THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT STEP!

 New Life Christian Center
March 10, 2024

Pastor David Larson | Turlock
Pastor Jeremy Moore | Patterson

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)

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Proverbs 4:25 (NLT)

BIG IDEA: Regardless of my past, I will move forward into _____ for me.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

• I will not allow my past _____ how I see God for my _____ or _____.

“God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28 (NLT)

• I will _____ any present sin from a past _____.

“God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28 (NLT)


• I will _____ my future with _____.

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT)

FORWARD

...INTO THE FUTURE

THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT STEP!

 New Life Christian Center
March 10, 2024

Pastor David Larson | Turlock
Pastor Jeremy Moore | Patterson

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)

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Proverbs 4:25 (NLT)

BIG IDEA: Regardless of my past, I will move forward into GOD'S PLAN for me.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

• I will not allow my past SHAPE how I see God for my PRESENT or FUTURE.

"God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 (NLT)

• I will CONFESS any present sin from a past EXPERIENCE.

"God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 (NLT)

• I will PURSUE my future with JESUS.

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

March 10, 2024



[CONNECT]

Remember the movie Back To The Future? If you had a time machine, what is THE ONE thing in your life you would go back and correct or change? If that happened, how would your life look differently?

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Have you ever reflected on these questions? "What's God will for my life?" "What's God's plan for me?" What does God want for me?" The answer is found in Matthew 22:37-39. Read it together...

Focusing on the past can be crippling if we allow it. If you're comfortable sharing, what are some of those things that you tend to look back at, that keep you from moving forward in life?

Read and discuss how Proverbs 4:25 can apply to your life.

In the weekend message, an hourglass was referred to for measuring time. Each grain of sand symbolized a second, minute, hour, or year of your life that you can never get back. Consider and discuss this question: Are you going to waste each grain focusing on your past mistakes, or God's present and future for your life?

When you consider your present relationship with God and others, are there any lingering behaviors/attitudes from your past experiences that are keeping you from moving forward into a healthier relationship with God and/or others?

Read Colossians 3:1-4. How would your life look if you woke up each morning and declared that you would intentionally pursue your day with Jesus?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Any changes you could ever want to make in your past doesn't compare to what Christ will provide in your future. No matter how much time you waste focusing on the past, and wishing it were different, it's nothing compared to how loving and forgiving and merciful Jesus is in your present.

The pain you've been running from in your past doesn't compare to the restoration you can run to with Jesus in the present. Wanting someone from the past to treat you right doesn't compare to God treating you right in the future.

God is inviting you to a higher calling. He is moving you to a higher place. He wants to take you somewhere you've never been, but first you have to let go, move on, and go forward into the future He has planned for you.