

Move Forward

I know the Lord is speaking, and I know it's for each one of you. Over the past two weeks, I have continually heard the words, "Move Forward." Random people would just start talking and those two words would be said. I turned on the radio. Those two words would pop out. After the first few days of hearing it, I began to pray about what I was hearing. Today, I feel led to share what the Lord is saying.

Some people become overwhelmed in their failures- while others stay submerged in their victories. You are a work in progress. God is doing many things in you and through you. But whatever He is doing in you, requires you to be moving forward.

Don't allow yourself to become satisfied with past accomplishments or where you are currently. It's time to focus on your goal or refocus on goals you've lost sight of. It's time to increase your motivation towards progressing in Jesus. If following Jesus and becoming like Jesus is your priority, then that should become your focus. When you have a goal, you do not arrive at the goal without meeting obstacles along the way.

What do I mean? Here's an example: Think about a College Degree. It costs something! You don't get your diploma just by going to the university and giving them your money. You have to complete a certain number of classes within the program, you have to meet every requirement and you have to do all the work. Each class prepares you for the next one! The lessons you learn provide insight in your future. As great in faith as Paul was, he recognized he was a continual work in progress. He knew not to stay stuck in the past.

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward CALL of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-16)

It was the main principle Paul was set upon: *"I have one great care and concern. Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."*

Paul was intent upon it. He constantly attended to it. He earnestly pursued it. He engrossed all his thoughts, his desires, his affections, his time and his labor towards it.

My friend, whatever is behind you, and whatever is ahead of you is a small thing compared to what is within you. Your spiritual maturity doesn't just happen. It is worthy of pursuit. It's time to Move Forward!

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