

Message from God’s Life-Giving Word

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Letting Go of Your Past

Too often, the past does not stay in the past...

But Peter said, “Man, **I do not know** what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the **rooster** crowed. And the **Lord** turned and **looked at Peter**. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will **deny Me three times**.” And he went out and wept bitterly. Luke 22:60-62

The devil will keep reminding you about your past:

- 1. You are _____.
- 2. You are _____.
- 3. You are _____.

The Problem:

- If you don’t let go of your _____, you cannot take hold of the _____

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A. _____ the door to your past.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Do you love Me? John 21:15

The Good News:

Although you cannot change the _____, God can change your _____

B. Step into your _____!

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I **press on** to make it my own, because Christ **Jesus has made me his own**. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: **forgetting** what lies **behind** and **straining forward** to what lies **ahead**, I **press on** toward the goal for the prize of the **upward call** of God in **Christ Jesus**.
Philippians 3:12-14

Next Steps

- 1. Journal the following: Pastor Tim joked about Jesus calling Peter by his full name. What name did your parents use for you when you were in trouble? Think about your past self and your present self. Does it seem like two totally different people, a little different, or about the same? Why? What comes to mind when you hear the words “past mistakes”?
 - 2. We listed three lies about your past: You are unforgivable, unlovable, and useless. Which lie have you dealt with the most? What are some of the most important components to finding healing from your past? How have you seen these play out? Now read Philippians 3:12-14. What are some actions you could take to start, “forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead”?
 - 3. At the end of this year, when you look back, what do you hope you will be able to say about yourself? Add one daily action to your schedule to help you get there.
- REMEMBER:** Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It is also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.