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MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

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DAY 2: Topic: How To Come Out Of Dry Wasteland?

Text: Isaiah 43:18

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."

Declaration: I decree, every power that want you to dwelling the past dry wasteland this month shall be crushed.

One of the instruments our enemy likes to use against us is to cause us to remember the things we ought to forget and forget the things we should remember.

It's the devil's way to keep us stuck in the past and living in dry wasteland on earth.

Satan make you living longer in accumulating the past.

We all have past regrets, past failures, and hurts that threaten to derail us from moving forward into the irresistible future that God has for us.

They leave us living in a dry and barren desert!

In Isaiah 46:9 the Bible says; Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

And we are told in another passage to "forget the former things."

The point is that there are things God wants us to remember, as well as things we should forget.

Oswald Chambers says, "Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; it is true that we have lost opportunities which will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future.

Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ. Leave the irreparable past in His hands and step out into the irresistible future with Him."

God wants to move you from a desert of regret to an oasis of blessing!



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Look back on the good things God has done for you, the grace He has shown you, but then set your eyes ahead to what lies before you.

And, when the enemy reminds you of your irreparable past, just remind him of God's imminent future! I believe God wants you to receive this promise today from His Word.

"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 desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

This promise reminds me of the sign that says, "Stop looking back, you're not going that way."

Stop being a rearview people. They are stuck in the past, looking back as they are moving forward. You can't really see where you're going if you keep looking behind you.

While it's important to glance in the rearview mirror, we need to put our mind ahead looking through where God is taking us to. God has a glorious hope and a future for you.

Stop buying the lie that your past failures are the final story and don't believe the fake news that your past disqualifies you from God's purpose for today.

The truth is, God's purpose is the final story, not our failures! The Bible says, in Proverbs 19:21 "There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand". (NKJV)

Three ways to come out of dry wasteland of the past:

1. LET GO OF THE PAST

"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?" Isaiah 43:18 (NIV)

The only way to effectively let go of the past is through forgiveness.

To forgive in the language of the Bible simply means to release the offense, to let it go. It's what God does when we confess our sins to Him. Through Christ death on the cross, we can be forgiven. Now, if God forgives our sins, we need to forgive ourselves and let it go.



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In Hebrews 8:12, God says, "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

2. OBEY GOD IN THE PRESENT

Moses is a great example of this. Despite failures in his past, God had a purpose and plan for Him.

But he needed to obey God's calling on his life and leave the desert where he had been hiding for 40 years. He had to let go of the past and obey God in the present.

God was doing a new thing! He had a new plan for him just as He does for you!

Peter's life offers a similar example in the New Testament. How could he possibly be used by God again after denying even knew Jesus? When he experienced the risen Christ's forgiveness and love, he had to let go of his past failure and obey God in the present! He would later preach his first sermon at Pentecost and 3,000 people received Christ! He didn't have to live in the desert of his past regrets! He moved into the oasis of God's promises for a new beginning!

3. MOVE BOLDLY INTO THE FUTURE

As God began to unfold His purpose in Moses' life, he had to learn to move boldly into the future to accomplish God's purpose.

There's a time for prayer and a time for action.

When Moses stood with the Israelites before the Red Sea, it must have seemed like a dead end, literally! The whole Egyptian army was charging toward them, and they had nowhere to turn. As Moses cried out to the Lord, God told him to move boldly ahead.

Stop looking back, you're not going that way!

Despite our failures in the past or how impossible the future may seem; our failure is not the final story! God's purpose is the final story!

Let go of the past, obey God in the present and move boldly into the future with faith.

He will make a pathway through the wilderness. He will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

What are you waiting for? Step into God's oasis of blessing today!