

The Past Is Gone

Father has been training us to not look backwards, because the past is gone and we can't do anything to change it. We're to have no regrets, no disappointments and to focus on the here-&-now. Those are his directives.

Analysis of our experience of putting the principle of 'not looking back' into practice has shown us that the negativity produced from focusing on the past no longer has any effect on us. This was a big revelation for us because looking back is something we've done all our lives.

Looking back usually focuses on hurts, rejections and failures which produce 'crippling' emotional pain in the present. This knowledge is of great value as believers all over the world are stifled in their spiritual lives by these very things in their past. We've discovered that not looking back on these has been the main step in freeing ourselves from the bondages they put us in.

Father spoke to us about this recently:

*"This is a time when you need to make peace with your past along with all of the poor judgment, embarrassment, rejection, and self-interest. You belong to Me. You have been redeemed and are a new creation. You can do nothing to fix what has already transpired. **Move on.**"*¹

And later on, he said:

*"Renew your faith and hope, and **forge ahead.** It is never easy, but the opportunities will present themselves for you to do well. **Forget the things you considered to be failures. The past is the past, and you cannot change what was. Only consider the possibilities that are before you. Never under estimate your spiritual and natural potential.**"*²

And again:

*"It is good sometimes to reflect and remember, but **do not get stuck in the past** or dwell on what you regret. You must take it off like an old coat in spring and set your heart and mind on what is today and that which is to come. The hopes and plans for you have not yet come to fruition. Take the next step."*³

*"**Put the past behind you and prepare for a new day. You cannot live in the past and still be present mentally and emotionally for today.** Now is the time to position yourself to embrace what is and prepare for what will be. Keep an open mind; uncluttered with worry, regrets, or speculation. Cherish the time you have and the opportunities that present themselves."*⁴

All in all, not looking back frees us to live the Kingdom life more fully as we let Father deal with our past and its ramifications.



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It's important that we have Father's mind on everything, rather than our theology. In that regard, I personally asked him about what he wanted us to do about issues from our past. His response is recorded in my prophetic message 'Leave the Past in the Past' of 22-4-2023. Here's an excerpt:

"There's no point in allowing the past to drag you back, to fill you with regret and negativity, because that's not productive for the Kingdom. It's antagonistic to the plans that I have. It's antagonistic to

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- 1 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Sept 15, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]
2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (April 1, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm]
3 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (April 6, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm]
4 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (May 30, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

your peace, rest and joy, and it's antagonistic to the progress of the Kingdom on the Earth.

So, simply put, leave the past in the past. Do not allow the past to 'raise its head', unless you know I'm speaking to you about dealing with something from the past.”⁵

Read the whole of that message for yourself. It's very important:

- [MESSAGE: “Leave the Past in the Past” \(22-4-2023\)](https://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Leave-the-past-in-the-past-22-4-2023.pdf)
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5 – MESSAGE: “Leave the Past in the Past” (22-4-2023)

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