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## **Stop Driving Forward While Looking Back**

### **Devotional**

Have you ever tried to drive while constantly checking your rearview mirror? It's exhausting and dangerous. You might be moving forward, but you're not really seeing where you're going. Many of us live our spiritual lives this way - moving through our days while our hearts and minds remain fixated on what God did yesterday, last year, or even decades ago. God has an incredible history with His people. The Israelites witnessed the Red Sea part, experienced miraculous provision, and saw God's mighty hand deliver them from impossible situations. These were real, powerful encounters that deserved to be remembered. But somewhere along the way, their rich history became a limitation. They became so comfortable with what God had done that they completely missed what He was currently doing. The same thing happens to us today. We hold onto old testimonies so tightly that we miss fresh encounters. We try to solve today's problems with yesterday's methods. We become spiritual historians instead of present-day disciples. But God is calling us to something different. He's inviting us to lift our eyes from the rearview mirror and see what He's doing right now, in this moment, in this season of our lives. Today is a new day with new possibilities. God hasn't stopped moving just because we've gotten comfortable with His past works. He's still making ways where there seem to be none, still bringing life to dead situations, still working miracles. The question is: are we looking for them?

### **Bible Verse**

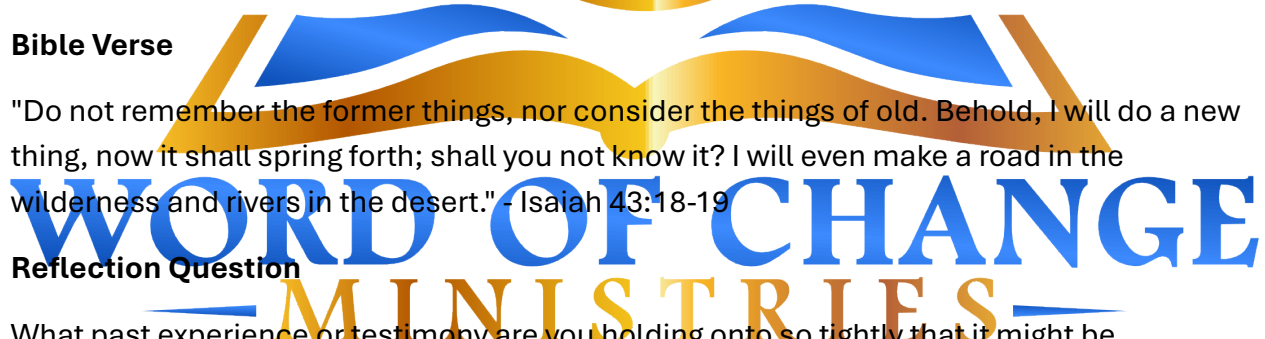
"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:18-19

### **Reflection Question**

What past experience or testimony are you holding onto so tightly that it might be preventing you from seeing what God wants to do in your life today?

**Quote** Have you ever noticed how easy it is to keep driving forward while staring in the rearview mirror? You're moving, but you're not really seeing where you're going.

### **Prayer**



Lord, help me to honor my history with You while keeping my eyes fixed on what You're doing now. Give me the courage to stop living in the rearview mirror and the faith to trust You for new things. Open my spiritual eyes to perceive Your current work in my life. Amen.

## Day 2:

### Put Down What's Weighing You Down

#### Devotional

Exhaustion isn't always about carrying heavy burdens - sometimes we're tired because we're dragging yesterday into today. Picture someone trying to run a race while carrying a heavy backpack filled with old souvenirs. The weight isn't necessarily bad, but it's slowing them down and wearing them out unnecessarily. This is what happens when we refuse to put down the past. We carry old hurts, outdated methods, and expired seasons into new chapters of our lives. We hold onto what worked before, even when God is clearly doing something different. We cling to familiar patterns because change feels uncertain, but this clinging becomes a weight that exhausts our spirits. God isn't asking us to forget where we've been or to dishonor our history with Him. There's a crucial difference between remembering and reliving. Remembering acknowledges God's faithfulness and builds our confidence in His character. Reliving keeps us trapped in seasons that have already served their purpose. When we relive the past, we miss the present move of God. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is let go. Let go of the way things used to be. Let go of methods that once worked but no longer fit. Let go of expectations about how God should move based on how He moved before. This isn't giving up - it's making room for God to do something new. What are you carrying that God is asking you to put down? What weight from yesterday is preventing you from running freely into today?

#### Bible Verse

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

#### Reflection Question

What specific thing from your past - whether good or painful - do you need to put down so you can move freely into what God has for you today?

**Quote** Some of us are tired, not because of heavy burdens, but because we're dragging yesterday into today. We're exhausted not from what's ahead, but from what we refuse to put down.

#### Prayer

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**MINISTRIES**

Father, show me what I'm carrying that You want me to release. Give me the strength to put down the weights that are slowing me down, even if they once served a good purpose. Help me trust that letting go creates space for You to do something new. Amen.

### **Day 3:**

### **When Good Things Become Idols**

#### **Devotional**

Sometimes God dismantles good things in our lives, and it can be confusing and painful. We wonder why He would remove something that brought us joy, success, or comfort. But God isn't destroying what He did - He's preventing what He did from becoming an idol that keeps us from what He wants to do next. The Israelites experienced this when God led them away from familiar places and comfortable routines. Their past victories and established patterns weren't bad, but they had become substitutes for fresh dependence on God. When we make idols out of God's past works, we stop seeking His face for present direction. We start worshipping the gift instead of the Giver. This happens in our personal lives too. A job that once felt like God's perfect provision might need to end for us to step into His next assignment. A ministry that brought great fruit might need to close so something new can be born. A relationship that served its season might need to change form. A method that worked beautifully might need to be retired for a fresh approach. God's dismantling isn't punishment - it's preparation. He's making room in our hearts and lives for something we can't yet see. He's protecting us from the subtle danger of living off yesterday's manna instead of seeking today's bread. When God removes something good, it's because He has something better in mind. Trust the process. Trust the God who knows what you need before you need it and who loves you too much to let you settle for less than His best.

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#### **Reflection Question**

What good thing in your life might God be asking you to hold more loosely so it doesn't become an idol that prevents you from receiving His next blessing?

**Quote** God is not dismantling what he did. He's preventing what he did to become an idol.

#### **Prayer**

Lord, help me hold Your gifts with open hands. When You need to remove or change something in my life, give me the faith to trust that You're making room for something better. Keep me from making idols out of Your blessings. Amen.

#### **Day 4:**

#### **Stay in God's Face**

**Devotional** There's a direct connection between the time we spend in God's presence and our ability to perceive what He's doing. When we stop doing the bare minimum in our relationship with God and start staying in His face through prayer, worship, and seeking Him intentionally, everything changes. Our faith increases, our discernment gets sharper, and our complaining fades. Many of us wonder why we can't see God moving in our lives, why doors aren't opening, or why breakthrough seems delayed. Sometimes the answer isn't that God isn't working - it's that we haven't been sitting in His presence long enough to perceive what He's doing. Spiritual perception requires spiritual devotion. You cannot discern God's will and direction without staying close to His heart. When we prioritize time with God, something beautiful happens. The wonderful things of God are wrapped up inside His presence. In His face, we find clarity for confusion, strength for weakness, and hope for discouragement. We begin to see with His eyes and understand with His heart. What seemed impossible starts to look possible. What appeared dead begins to show signs of life. God is already working where you thought nothing could grow. He's already moving where you thought it was over. He's opening eyes you thought were spiritually blind and birthing new visions in places you thought were finished. But perceiving this requires devotion - consistent, intentional time seeking His face. Don't settle for a distant relationship with the God who wants to be close to you. Make time to sit in His presence. Stay in His face. Watch how your perspective changes when you do.

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#### **Reflection Question**

How can you move from doing the bare minimum in your relationship with God to intentionally staying in His presence, and what might change in your life if you did?

**Quote** When people stop doing the bare minimum in their walk with God and start staying in his face, your faith will increase, discernment gets sharper and complaining fades.

#### **Prayer**

**WORD OF CHANGE  
MINISTRIES**

God, I want to know You more deeply and see You more clearly. Help me prioritize time in Your presence. Increase my hunger for You and sharpen my spiritual discernment. Show me what You're doing that I've been missing. Amen.

### **Day 5:**

#### **Trust the God Who Specializes**

**Devotional** God specializes in the impossible. He specializes in new ways. He specializes in doing things His way, not ours. When we finally release our grip on how we think things should happen and trust the God who makes all things new, we position ourselves to witness miracles we never could have imagined. God will keep His promises, but He won't necessarily bring them the same way we expected. He might open a door we never knocked on, provide through a source we never considered, or heal in a way we never anticipated. His methods are as creative as His character, and His timing is always perfect, even when it doesn't match our timeline. The key to experiencing God's new thing is letting go of our old expectations. Some of us need to release what worked before because we got comfortable. Some need to let go of how we used to see things because our vision is changing. God is doing something fresh, and it requires fresh faith, fresh perspective, and fresh surrender. Maybe today the most faithful thing we can do is let it go and trust God who specializes in the impossible. Trust Him to make ways where there are no ways. Trust Him to bring life to dead situations. Trust Him to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think. Your breakthrough might not look like what you expected, but it will be exactly what you need. Your healing might not come the way you planned, but it will be complete. Your provision might not arrive through familiar channels, but it will be sufficient. Trust the God who specializes in making all things new.

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#### **Reflection Question**

In what area of your life do you need to release your expectations about how God should work and instead trust Him to do the impossible in His own unique way?

**Quote** Maybe today the most faithful thing we can do as a church, as a family, as friends, as people, is let it go and trust God who specializes.

#### **Prayer**

Father, I surrender my expectations and trust Your perfect ways. Help me let go of my limited understanding and embrace Your unlimited possibilities. Do something new in my life that only You could do. I trust You completely. Amen.

