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“Exodus Episodes” (3)

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

Exodus from the Past to the Present

Isaiah 43:18-19 – (18) **“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.** (19) **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.”** (NIV)

Philippians 3:13-15 – (13) **“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting (*to lose out of mind, to neglect*) what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, (14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (15) Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.”**

Triumphing Over Trauma

Acts 14:19-22 – (19) **“But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. (20) But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. (21) When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, (22) strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”**

Recasting Shame to Grace

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 – (9) **“For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (10) But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”**

Enjoy God’s Gift called the Present

2 Corinthians 5:17 – **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”**

2 Corinthians 6:2 – “For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ **Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**”

Romans 6:4 – “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life.**”

Any consideration of the past that does not glorify Jesus is counter-productive

Consider the Heavenly Clarification

1 Corinthians 13:12 – “Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.” (NLT)

Revelation 21:4 – “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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