

## A Pastor's Heart

### Encouragement from Pastor McGill

#### Let Go Of The Past

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ He is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

How many times have we witnessed people who run away from God and refuse to serve Him because of the past? We forget that God is Omniscient and knew we were going to have a past and had already factored in our past when He agreed to redeem us, call us and place us into His service. Our past does not shock God nor discourage Him from using us. We need to understand things from God's perspective and not our own. This mistake can cause us to really miss God's best. **We must view our past this way:** The sentence you just read is now in the past. That's how the past works, whether we committed the act 10 years ago or 10 seconds ago it is the past and God knew it was going to be committed beforehand. If believers can receive this revelation we will have more servants who are not bound by mistakes they've made and readily serving God and being fruitful for Him. The enemy wants to keep us bound by mistakes. He will constantly berate us with what we have done. He is doing his job as the accuser of the brethren. This type of condemnation has caused many people to run away from the Lord and never fully come into a true relationship. They feel unworthy or that God could not possibly use them. Nothing could be farther from the truth. God used Noah despite Noah getting drunk after the flood. He is still referred to as a righteous man. God used Abraham even though Abraham stretched the truth about His wife Sarah being his sister. God used Moses after he had murdered the Egyptian. God used Rahab after she had been a prostitute and used this lineage to birth Jesus. God used David knowing that he would commit adultery and have a man killed to cover up the pregnancy; Yet David is called a man after God's own heart. God used Peter after he denied Him and used profanity to make his point that he did not know Jesus. The Angel gave specific instructions after the resurrection to go tell his disciples and Peter that He is risen. He did not want Peter to be bound or condemned by His past. He knew when he chose Peter that he would deny that he knew him. Isn't it amazing that he still called him and chose him to be a disciple? Had Peter not let go of his past 3000 souls would not have gotten saved on the day of Pentecost. What is your past preventing from occurring for the glory of God? When we look throughout the scriptures we see that God uses all people from all walks of life and it has nothing to do with their past. If God is willing to let go of our past so should we. Let go of the past and do not be held in bondage by it. Make it a great day.

#### Blessings and Peace

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