



Face Forward

Pushing past the things that hold you back

Part 1: Walking Backward

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.”
- Exodus 3:7 (NIV)

God cares enough to MOVE YOU FORWARD

Three reasons we keep looking back:

We MAXIMIZE our opposition

Didn't we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”
- Exodus 14:12 (NIV)

We MINIMIZE God's power

The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”
- Exodus 16:3 (NIV)

We ROMANITCIZE the past

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.”
- Numbers 11:4–5 (NIV)

Looking back keeps you from GOD'S BEST

Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?”
- Numbers 14:3 (NIV)

Common denominator is FEAR

You can't MOVE FORWARD if you're LOOKING BACK

Question: What is the fear that keeps you LOOKING BACK ?

FAITH opens the door to your FUTURE

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter...He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.
- Hebrews 11:24, 26 (NIV)