

Moving Forward

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize
for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. – Phil 3:14*

Isaiah 43:16,17
Jeremiah 29:10-14
John 10:10
Ephesians 2:8-10
Philippians 3:10-14
Ephesians 3:20,21

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Believe what?

EVERYTHING is possible for him who believes... - Mk 9:23

I do believe – help me with my unbelief.. – Mk 9:24

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Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past... Is 43:18

But I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead...
Phil 3:13

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there
is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. – Psalm 139:23,24

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Above all else guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life...
- Proverbs 4:23

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So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty. What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" - Zech 4:6,7

Acts 1:8; 2:38; Eph 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:17

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Hebrews 11:33-38

In his book 'The Barbarian Way' Erwin McManus writes about what happens when God's people become a crash...

We become an unstoppable force. We don't have to pretend we know the future. Who cares that we can only see 30 feet ahead. Whatever's at 31 feet needs to care that we're coming and better get out of the way. We need to move TOGETHER as God's people... and become a human version of the Rhino crash. The future is uncertain, but we need to move toward it with confidence. There's a future to be created, a humanity to be liberated. We need to stop wasting our time and stop being afraid of what we cannot see and do not know. We need to move forward full force because of what we do know.

Talking Points

1. **"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"** Those words were spoken by a dad whose son was demon possessed. One day he came to Jesus and said, 'If you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.' Jesus response was awesome, "'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes."
 - Have you ever felt like this dad and thought, *If God can...* When? Why?
 - What are of some things about moving forward to the life you were created to live that you find hard to believe?
2. In 4:6 and 7 we read of the account where God sent His prophet to a man named Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel had been given the mission of rebuilding the temple. He was stressed out and overwhelmed by the magnitude of what stood before Him.
 - In ways do you think God's words were an encouragement to him?
 - How might this reminder apply to you as you move forward to become all God wants you to be?