

## NEVER LOOK BACK

As I was reading and meditating on the word of God this morning, I felt led to read the passage on love from 1 Corinthians 13. This passage is most often read at weddings to declare to the newly weds how they need respond to one another in love throughout their married life. But I like to think that this is also God's declaration of love to us, His bride.

Love never fails and it never gives up. Love cares more for others than for itself. God proved His love for us when He gave His only begotten Son for us. Love isn't greedy or boastful and it doesn't force itself on others. Love doesn't fly off the handle and it doesn't keep score of the sins of others. Love LOVES truth! Love puts up with anything; trusts God always and always looks for the best. Love never looks back, but keeps going to the end. (Message Bible).

Did you notice that some of the characteristics of Love are that it looks for the good and never gives up? Paul also tells us that love never looks back. That is an interesting observation. In Romans 8:38 Paul asks a question; What can separate us from the love of Christ? He then goes on to tell us that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love God which is in Christ Jesus. Out of all things that Paul declares cannot separate us from God's love, there is one thing missing. THE PAST! That is why love never looks back, because God knows that our past prevents us from moving forward to the good things He has ready for us.

Love never looks back to your past. It always looks ahead. God is NOT counting your sins against you if you have asked Jesus to be Lord of your life. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from ALL unrighteousness. Love sees God's vision of you. Love is the prophetic voice of God that keeps moving us toward His plans and purposes for our lives. Perfect love casts out all fear because perfect love sees us as perfect, whole and complete. There is no fear in love. The love of God surrounds us and

draws us into a place of intimacy with the Father. Only when we realize and receive the love God can we come boldly into His presence and receive His unending grace for our lives.

Looking back steals our joy and keeps us in a place of disappointment and regret. The love of God compels us to leave the past behind so that our joy may be full in the present. You may have made terrible choices and you may have had horrible things happen to you, but until you let God move you forward you will not be able to experience God's peace and rest for your life. You must ask the Holy Spirit to help you let go of what lies behind and allow Him to heal the wounds that may still be festering so that you can press on to God's future that He has planned for you. He is an ever PRESENT help because He is the GREAT I AM!!

So if you been focusing on what has been, I pray that today you will ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to what lies ahead. God has a great future for you, but you must move towards it. I've yet to see anyone driving on the interstate in reverse! Not only would you have a hard time maneuvering if you were to drive this way, you would be a danger to yourself and all the others on the road! So turn your eyes toward Jesus and start looking forward to the good things God has for you. It's never too late to stop looking back!

Prayer: Dear Lord, forgive me for staying in the pit of my past! Help me to realize and understand that You have forgiven me and that You are not the one that is bringing up my past. You have have cast all my sins into the sea of forgetfulness and You only see my future. Help me to see with eyes of faith the path that You have for me. Heal the hurts and wounds of my soul and turn my life towards Your plans for me. In Jesus Name, AMEN!





1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never looks back