

FORWARD FAITH

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Devotion Info *Forward Faith*

DAY 1 Read Philippians 3:13-14

[13] No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:13-14 NLT

- Why is it important for us to keep looking forward in our spiritual journey?
- Can reflecting on the past be advantageous at times? How?

DAY 2 Read Haggai 2:4-5, Deuteronomy 31:6-8, 1 Chronicles 28:20

[4] But now the Lord says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. [5] My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.'

Haggai 2:4-5 NLT

[6] So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." [7] Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, "Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one who will divide it among them as their grants of land. [8] Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 NLT

[20] Then David continued, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the Lord is finished correctly.

1 Chronicles 28:20 NLT

- What four things are common to these three passages?

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DAY 3 Read Haggai 2:6-9

[6] "For this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. [7] I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. [8] The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. [9] The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

Haggai 2:6-9NLT

- How will this temple be greater than Solomon's temple?

DAY 4 Read John 2:19

[19] "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19 NLT

- What do you think Jesus meant when he said these words?

DAY 5 Read Revelation 21:1-4

[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. [2] And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. [3] I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. [4] He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Revelation 21:1-4 NLT

- In the new heaven and new earth when God is dwelling amongst the people, how will it be different than how those in the Old Testament experienced God?

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