

“In memory of our past”

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If you have ever traveled to Washington DC you know that the nation’s capital has many memorials and monuments. The monuments and memorials celebrate the great moments and events of our history, tragic and triumphant. There is the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Vietnam memorial, Korean memorial... Memorials are a place to reflect.

“They give the present significance because they give the past perspective”.

What’s in your past? For many of us when we look into the past it is a negative thing. We don’t want to remember it we want to grieve over it. Whatever the past experience is it can bleed into our present life and rob us of our future. Are we stuck in some past pain? That every time the memory comes back it devastates us?

Jesus came and died for our sins to set us free from everything. Jesus did not do the work on the cross so we could be miserable and trapped in the past. God has given us His Word to reconstruct our lives. Jesus said, *“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed”.* John 8:36

We need to build monuments where we once cried, where we were lonely, where are hearts ached, and we were devastated.

The Apostle Paul said: *“...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the mark for the prize...”* Philippians 3:13-14.

I know we can’t completely forget the past but we should build a monument to our past in our minds and occasionally visit it. While we are there we should celebrate where God has brought us from. Then come back to the present.

Let’s stop giving power to our hurts and celebrate the freedom Jesus has given us.



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