

From This Day Forward

MOVING AHEAD WITH FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

13 ... Forgetting what is behind
and straining toward what is ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal...

~ *Philippians 3:13b-14a (NIV)*



SEPTEMBER 20: *There's Still More in You*



A SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY:

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-22

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!
{NIV}



A MAINLINE FOR TODAY:

*As long as there is
breath in your body,
there is purpose in
your life.*



A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Paul is writing from prison, but listen to the way he talks. He sounds like a man who still has somewhere to go. His movement has been restricted, but his expectation hasn't. Doors have closed around him, but purpose is still burning within him. Paul refuses to give his circumstances authority over what God can still accomplish through his life. That is faith that wakes up every day expecting God to do something.

Sometimes we look at what has changed and decide our possibilities changed with it. We remember what we used to do, what we once had, and how things used to work, and before long we start judging tomorrow by what we no longer have today.

Paul refuses that measurement. He begins with Christ. "To live is Christ." As long as Christ is his life, his life has purpose. If God gives him another morning, God has given him another opportunity. And the same is true with us.

Today still holds purpose and possibility. There is somebody you can encourage. There is kindness you can offer. There is wisdom you can share. There is a prayer you can pray, a door you can open, an invitation you can extend, a life you can bless.

And the same is true for Kingswood. This church does not have to recreate yesterday for God to create something meaningful tomorrow. God can use the people who are here, the gifts already present, and the ministries already planted to bring God's blessing to the people around us.

Don't just ask, "What do we have left?" Ask, "What can God do with what we have right now?" We aren't here simply because another day arrived. We're here because another opportunity arrived with it. There is still something to give, someone to bless, somewhere to serve, and something God can do through you.

From this day forward, refuse to measure your usefulness by what is behind you.

Wake up believing that if God has given you another day, He has given you purpose for that day.

As long as there is breath in your body, there is purpose in your life.



AN ACTION FOR TODAY:

Put Purpose on the Calendar

Before today ends, choose one thing that will make your day useful to somebody else. Make the call. Send the note. Extend the invitation. Encourage somebody who needs strength.
Do not simply hope today counts. Make today count.



A PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord Jesus, thank You for another day and another opportunity to be useful in Your hands. Stir up a renewed sense of purpose in me and a stronger expectation for what You will do through Kingswood. Show us how to use what You have already given us to bless the people around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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God is still working.

NEW POSSIBILITIES REMAIN.
BETTER DAYS CAN STILL BE AHEAD.