

A NEW DEVOTIONAL SERIES

From This Day Forward

MOVING AHEAD WITH FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴ I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

~ *Philippians 3:13-14, {CSB}*

AUGUST 6: Promises Still Speak



A SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: Romans 9:4

⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the temple service, and the promises.

~ *Romans 9:4, CSB*



A MAINLINE FOR TODAY:

A delayed promise is not a denied promise.



A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Paul remembers that God entrusted His people with promises. Even while grieving their present condition, Paul does not conclude that God's Word has become powerless. What he sees may be disappointing, but what God has said is still dependable.

Waiting can distort your perspective. When an answer takes longer than expected, delay may tempt you to believe God has forgotten, nothing is happening, or your hope was misplaced.

Don't mistake God's silence for God's absence. Delay isn't denial.

Silence isn't absence. An incomplete answer doesn't mean an unkept promise.

God's promises do more than describe what He may do someday. They direct how you live today. They teach you to trust when the outcome is unclear, obey when progress feels slow, and remain faithful when impatience tells you to take control.

You can't determine God's timetable, but you can decide your response. You can worry or worship. You can force the outcome or follow God faithfully. You can let delay lower your expectations or let God's Word strengthen them.

From this day forward, allow what God has said to speak louder than what you have not yet seen. His promises still speak, His character remains faithful, and His work is not finished.

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AN ACTION FOR TODAY:

Choose one promise from Scripture that speaks to your present situation. Place it where you will see it, pray it throughout the day, and take one step of obedience that agrees with it.



A PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord, anchor my heart in what You have said. Give me patience that trusts and faith that obeys. Keep me from allowing delay to weaken my expectations. Help me live confidently while I wait. In the name of Jesus, Amen.



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God is still working. 
NEW POSSIBILITIES REMAIN.
BETTER DAYS CAN STILL BE AHEAD.