

# HOMECELL NOTES

## REACHING FORWARD PART 2

4 JULY 2021

### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell and online.

### WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 2 Worship songs).

### WORD

#### **Philippians 3:12-14 NKJV**

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. [13] Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14] I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

We are reaching forward to those things which are ahead! Don't think that a delay on your journey to what lies ahead means God has changed his mind or plans for your life.

#### **Ask a cell member to read Jeremiah 29:11**

Only you can cause a delay in the future God has for you by looking back or going back or continually bringing up the past.

#### **Ask a cell member to read Philippians 3:13 TPT**

There are two approaches when we press towards the goal ahead of us:

1. Reaching forward focus
2. Looking back focus

#### **Ask a few cell members to read Genesis 19:26, Luke 17:32-33 and John 14:2b, 6**

Not looking back was so important to Jesus that He Himself reminded His disciples of the consequences to a Christian that looks back. Everything about Jesus and His kingdom and His church are about reaching forward, moving forward.

Looking back to God is an indication you want to go back. Thank God He doesn't look back on our old lives and sin all the time!

#### **Ask a few cell members to read Psalm 103:12 and Genesis 19:13**

To God your old life had a stench of sin and decay much like Lot's sin city of Sodom and Gomorrah represented in their time, which He destroys in order to free you from never being able to look back.

Sodom represents our old life, our old nature, our old thoughts, our old purpose.

- Looking back is looking to a bitter place instead of reaching forward to a better place
- Looking back is trusting in man and not in God

**Ask a few cell members to read Jeremiah 17:5-6 and 1 Corinthians 2:9**

Lot's wife never fully trusted God's plan, God's word nor God's ability to lead, guide and provide for them towards their unknown future.

**Q: Have you at times found yourself acting or wanting to act like Lot's wife in uncertain or unknown times?**

**Ask a few cell members to read Philippians 4:19 and Ephesians 3:14-21**

Don't allow your need to become so big in your mind that it defies the possibility of a solution. A need focus will make your need look bigger than God!

3 focus points when reaching forward:

1. Put your mind directly on God that He is your source who will and is able to supply your need.
2. Put seed in the soil for God to work with.
3. Live with expectancy and gratitude knowing God is busy supplying.

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## WORKS

As a Homecell, identify the most pressing needs (among people in your immediate world) that should be addressed a.s.a.p. (include the following: food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career needs, emotional needs etc.) As a Homecell, how can you assist in meeting some of these needs?

