

OVERCOMING “Getting Past My Past”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT)

²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? **So run to win!** ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it **for an eternal prize.** ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. **I am not just shadowboxing.** ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

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1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)

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1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NLT)

¹⁵ *This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.* ¹⁶ *But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.*

Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

¹² *I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.* 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.*

Isaiah 43:25 (NIV)

*"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and **remembers your sins no more.***

Psalms 103:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.***

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Isaiah 1:18 (NIV)

*"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, **they shall be as white as snow...***

John 19:30 (NLT)

... "It is finished!"...