



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“We need to keep moving only forward following our GPS (God’s Personal Savior).”

Only Forward

I taught my son to drive in my used Dodge Aires wagon. A few weeks after getting his license, he informed me that there was a problem with the “Chuck Wagon”. He said it would no longer go backwards. I thought he was joking so I tried to put it in reverse. Well he was right, the transmission broke and it would only go forward. We had to push it to go backwards. I was not going to spend the money to get this car fixed. So until I found another car, I had to drive the “Chuck Wagon” to work, to the store and even to a job interview. I had to remember, “Do not parallel park or park behind something or go on driveways or dead end streets.”

Twenty five years ago, I took a co-worker to church and he became saved. We had Bible studies together. He became my best friend and my best man at my wedding. He grew as a Christian and soon left to go to a strong Baptist seminary to be a pastor. His mother in law lived in the next block so I kept tabs on him. Then one day I heard when he as close to graduation that he ran off with another women and the church removed him from the fellowship. It totally broke my heart. I am still praying for him.

We had a friend who was studying to be a full time youth pastor but quit and is now taking care of grass for a baseball team. Another played Jesus in an Easter production and a few months later ran off with a person who helped me in the children’s ministry. I can tell you many others who were close to us who are now divorced, lost their testimony, or quit living for the Lord.

Napoleon marched across Europe conquering Country after Country, City after City, and as he was leaving the area, he would order his troops to burn all the bridges after they crossed. It was so his troops had no way to retreat or turn back. “Only Forward” was their cry.

As Christians, we are to be moving and looking only forward. Like a runner, we are to keep our eyes only on the finish line. We are to put blinders on our eyes and not to look to the left or right. “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..” Heb. 12:1, 2

Only forward towards our Savior. Only forward.

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“...But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Phil 3: 13, 14

It only goes forward.



What about you?



With God’s help we will do it.

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