



Look Back, Look Forward

ThanksLiving Mini-Series

November 25-26, 2017

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“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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2. Look back with _____, and look forward with _____.

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“Faith is the substance (KJV) | confidence (NIV) | assurance (ESV) of things hoped for, the conviction (NASB) of things not seen” (Hebrew 11:1).

Substance/Confidence/Assurance: (Gr) *hupostasis*: literally, the *hupo* “underlying” *stasis* “reality” or “guarantee.” From an NT perspective we pray “from” Heaven not “for” it. There is no disease, poverty, or sin in Heaven.

Conviction: (Gr) *elenchos*: “proof” or “internal assurance.” Based on God’s word and promise we know of heaven’s existence. Through the renewing of our minds we arrive at a place of internal, confident belief in the invisible, hypostatic reality **BREAKING FORTH ON THE EARTH** by walking in faith with God.

3. Live in true _____.

“Whoever the Son sets free shall be free indeed” (John 8:36 ESV).

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted” (Job 42:2 ESV).

Questions for Meditation & Discussion

1. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving season?
2. Do you look back with regret on anything? Do you look forward with dread?
3. What are the things that rob you of being a grateful person?
4. How can you be set free from those things?
5. How do you look back with gratitude and forward with hope?
6. What is it like to live in true, real freedom?
7. By faith what did the Lord say to you in this message? How will you respond?

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