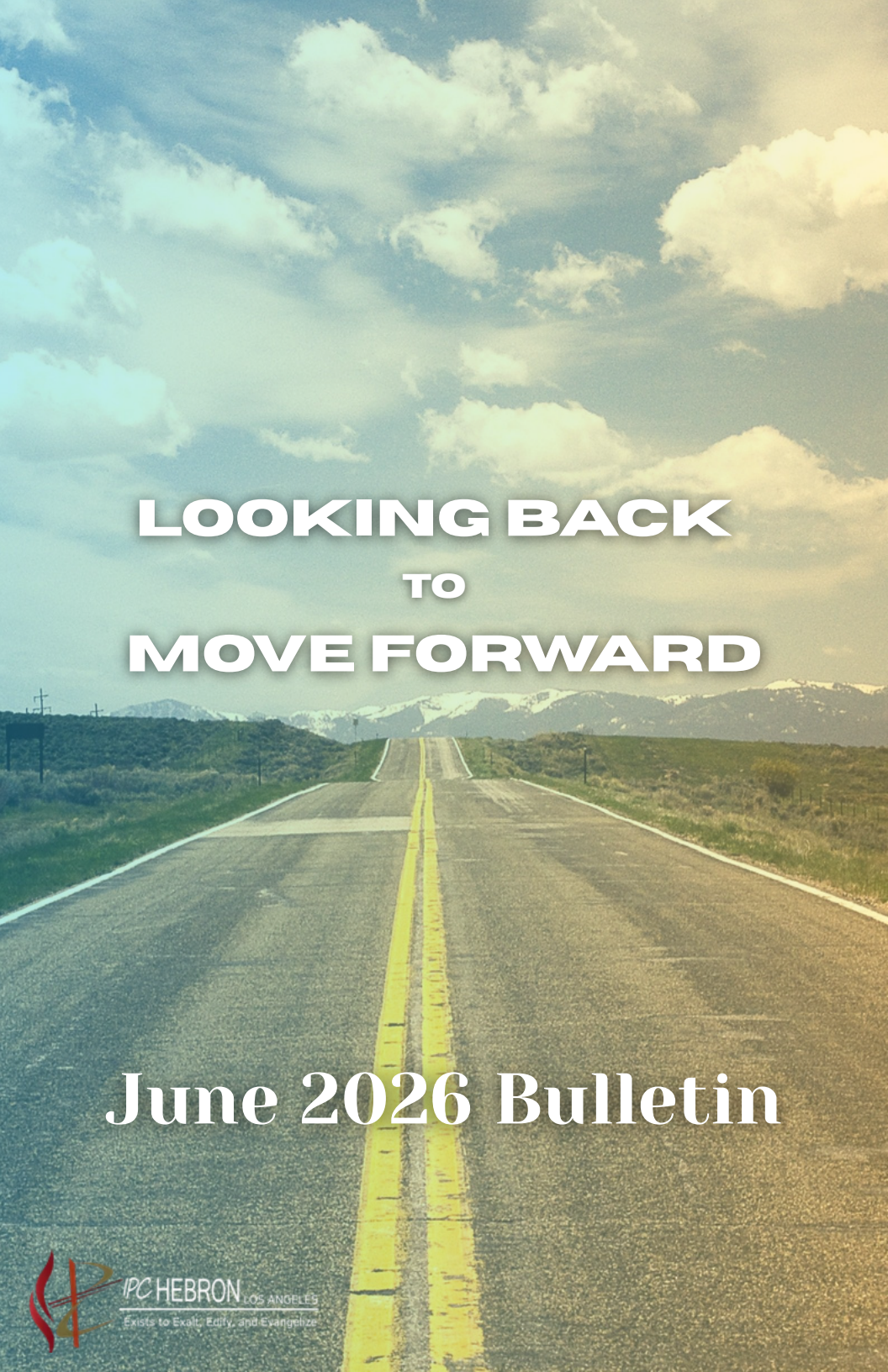




LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

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The Best Is Yet to Come!

By Pastor Sabu Samuel

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.”(Isaiah 25:1)

Even though life is filled with ups and downs, as you look back, more than anything, we can see the Lord's faithfulness in the blessings, triumphs, and challenges to join Him where He was working. God, in His perfect faithfulness, had planned ahead for every detail. As we navigate through life's challenges, always know we are loved by a God who holds the past, present, and future all in His hands. He will gently lead us each step of the way. He's done it before, and we can trust Him to do it again.

Do you find yourself in a season where trusting that God really is at work is difficult, especially when things are not going your way?

I want to encourage you to look up and look back so it enables you to look forward with great expectation. When you face various trials and tests in your life, remember who your Creator is. Learn to lean on what you know to be true about God and His Word. Once you understand God's character, it is easy to trust Him and wait upon Him. Even when His promises seem to delay, every promise of God has been fulfilled with a resounding “Yes!” (2 Corinthians 1:20). As we glance over God's faithfulness in the Bible and in our own lives, it solidifies our faith, and with great anticipation we can look forward to the things God has in store for us.

Dear reader, let me remind you that the best is yet to come. Through Jesus Christ, you have a hope and a future that awaits you. Whatever you face this year, you can trust God's faithfulness to carry you through. He is able to take your test and change it to a testimony; He is able to take your mess and make a message out of it. As you look back and move forward, His love may be the very thing that propels you forward. As you look forward with hope, know God has His best for you.

Looking Back to Move Forward

By Joicey Johnson

Human beings are shaped by experience. Every success, disappointment, relationship, and decision leaves a mark on the way a person thinks and behaves. The past quietly influences confidence, fears, expectations, and habits. A person who never examines mistakes is likely to repeat them, while a person willing to learn from them gains wisdom that cannot be taught through comfort alone.

Reflection can remind someone of obstacles they already survived, skills they already developed, and fears they already overcame. The goal is to understand the road you have traveled well enough to navigate the road ahead more wisely. The past cannot be changed, but it can still be useful.

Looking back reveals how much growth has already happened. In business, education, sports, and relationships, improvement requires evaluation. Businesses analyze failures to refine strategy. Writers revise drafts to ensure the message is clear and engaging before publishing. Athletes review old performances to improve technique. Healthy relationships grow stronger when people reflect on misunderstandings instead of ignoring them.

Looking back becomes harmful when it turns into obsession. Some people become trapped in regret, replaying old decisions endlessly without acting in the present. Others become addicted to nostalgia, believing the best parts of life existed only in the past. Neither mindset creates growth. Looking back is an act of wisdom when done with purpose. The past becomes a source of instruction rather than limitation. The purpose of looking back is not to remain there, but to carry lessons forward. Looking back does not prevent progress; it strengthens it. By understanding where we have been, we become better prepared for where we are going. Many people focus so intensely on future goals that they forget how far they have already come.

God wants us to look back at what He has done so we will trust Him for what He is going to do. We look back only to remember who God is and the ways God has worked in the past, which gives confidence for the future. Before crossing into the Promised Land, God instructed the Israelites to build a permanent monument of 12 stones taken directly from the middle of the dried-up Jordan River. The stones were specifically meant to serve as a physical memory to look back on. It served to remind the people of how God brought them through the waters so they would have the faith to conquer the land in front of them. The monument was designed to cause questions from future generations, allowing parents to explain the story of God's deliverance to their children.

God invites us to spend time reflecting on His presence, allowing the Holy Spirit to bring past events and experiences into view so that we can learn and move forward. Laying out thoughts and goals for the future with faith in God, willingness to follow His leading, and hope that our lives will thrive and impact others for eternity. With proper review and awakened understanding of what God has done in our lives, we are now ready to move forward. By looking back, we gain wisdom, and by looking forward we set ourselves to step out and move forward in faith.

Take the Theme Home

Week 1: Remembering God's Faithfulness

Scripture Reading: Joshua 4

After God led Israel through the Jordan River, He instructed them to build a memorial so future generations would remember His mighty works.

Reflect:

- Why was it important for Israel to remember what God had done?
- What are some moments in your life that remind you of God's faithfulness?
- How does remembering God's work in the past strengthen your faith today?
- What is one blessing or answered prayer you can thank God for this week?

Week 2: Remembering in Times of Trouble

Scripture Reading: Psalm 77

In the midst of discouragement, the psalmist chose to remember God's wonders and mighty deeds.

Reflect:

- What struggles was the psalmist facing?
- How did remembering God's past faithfulness change his perspective?
- When facing challenges, do you focus more on the problem or on God's promises?
- How can you remind yourself of God's faithfulness during difficult times?

Week 3: Do Not Forget the Lord

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8

Moses reminded Israel not to forget the lessons God taught them during their years in the wilderness.

Reflect:

- What lessons did God teach Israel through hardship?
- Have there been difficult seasons that God used to strengthen your faith?
- Why is it easy to forget God during times of comfort and success?
- What lessons from your past can help you walk more faithfully today?

Week 4: Pressing Forward with Purpose

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3

Paul understood the importance of learning from the past without living in it. His focus was on moving forward toward God's calling.

Reflect:

- What does Paul teach about pressing forward?
- Is there anything from your past that is keeping you from fully trusting God today?
- How can God's faithfulness in the past give you confidence for the future?
- What step of faith is God leading you to take next?

Stay Connected!

WEEKLY MEETINGS

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Tues	7:00 - 8:00 PM	@ Zoom
Fri	10:00 - 11:00 AM	@ Zoom
Sat	7:00 - 8:30 PM	@ Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Pastor’s Sendoff	June 13	Church
Photo Day	June 13	Church
Pastoral Handover	June 14	Church
Father’s Day	June 21	Church

PRAY FOR NATIONS

COUNTRY	CAPITAL	EST. POPULATION
Antigua and Barbuda	Saint John’s	106,600
Argentina	Buenos Aires	47,914,000
Armenia	Yerevan	3,177,000
Austria	Vienna	9,255,000
Azerbaijan	Baku	10,291,000