



3 STEPS FOR LIFE

(THE WAY FORWARD)

*“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, **‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!’**” (Luke 24:1-6, NIV)*

“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.” (Matthew 16:25, NIV)

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STEP ONE: WE MOVE ON _____ (Embrace a Gospel Perspective)

The Gospel sets us _____ from living in the past

It declares the _____

*“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the **creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory** of the children of God.” (Romans 8:18-21, NIV)*

STEP TWO: WE MOVE ON _____ (Engage the art of Kingdom forgetfulness)

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV)

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me— put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:8-9, NIV)

STEP THREE: WE MOVE ON _____ (Embrace the act of pressing on)

*“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things.” (Philippians 3:13-15, NIV)*

3 QUESTIONS:

1. Am I a “hoarder or a hobbit?” Holding on or moving on?

2. Do I have a Gospel perspective? (Entropy or New Creation?)

3. What do I need to let go of that is holding me back?