



Whats Done is Done

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You'll never be an effective leader if your past gets in the way. It doesn't matter how wealthy you are, how famous you are, how many things you have in life, if your relationships are bad, life is miserable. Very often, the reason why our current relationships suffer has nothing to do with those relationships, and instead, is rooted in problematic relationships from our past. And you will never be an effective leader if your past prevents you from fully engaging in your present. Your happiness and your effectiveness as a leader is largely determined by your ability to get along with other people. The Bible is the greatest book on relationships. The Bible talks about building a relationship with God and a relationship with each other. I'm sure we have all used the following phrase at sometime or another. "There is no use crying over spilled milk." Well the Bible bears that out. We have multiple scriptures that inform us of that. One of my favorites is 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God

in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:12-14). ***12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*** I like the word “toward.” meaning going forward. We have to keep forging ahead, and Paul did exactly that. Sure, there were some huge setbacks and roadblocks, but he kept on. Remember the account of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19? Look at verse 17. “Escape for your Lives.” Lot's wife simply could not do that. In verse 26 of that same chapter she paid for disobeying God's command by being disintegrated into a pillar of salt. Jesus re-enforced this point in Luke 9:62. “But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Lot's wife disobeyed and the result is final. So, what happens when we sin? Fortunately what's done is not done! Look at Hebrews 8:12. ***“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”*** When we come to the Lord with Repentance, and ask for forgiveness then that's it! He forgets! What's done is done! May I ask what state you are living, and breathing the Lord is waiting. Matthew tells us this in

chapter 11:23-29 of his book. *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”*. Does that excite you? It does me! You might not undo milk that has spilled, but you can do something about your broken life. We are informed of this in Matthew 7:7. *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you”*. Dear reader the Lord is waiting. *Won't you open that door? It's not just anybody. It's the Lord himself! “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me” (Revelations 3:20)*.