

Developing a Past Part 1

Past – defined: Gone, ended, a former time, former, a time or condition that has gone by.

Brothers, 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:13-14

PRESSING

FORGETTING

STRAINING

Three keys to pressing ahead, developing a PAST:

1. Forgive OTHERS
2. Forgive YOURSELF
3. Look at what is AHEAD

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³ Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, ⁴ for John had been saying to him: “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵ Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered him a prophet.

⁶ On Herod’s birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for them and pleased Herod so much ⁷ that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” ⁹ The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted ¹⁰ and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. ¹² John’s disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. Matthew 14:1-12

I. Herod made many mistakes

1. King Herod tried to quiet the voice of TRUTH

³ Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her."

2. Herod was afraid of the POPULAR OPINION

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3. Herod made FOOLISH promises

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II. The result: King Herod was DISTRESSED

⁹ The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted

Distressed: anxious, suffering, troubled
Greek definition: "lupeo" Deep Sorrow

III. When others saw Jesus – the King saw a GHOST

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