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We are More Than Conquerors Series: Conquering Our Past
(I Don't Live There Anymore - Isaiah 43:18,19)

Introduction:

- One truth we all have in common is that each of us have a _____.
- Knowing how to deal with the past is a must in order to move on in your _____.
- Is it possible to move on, and yet use what God has taught us and shown us to make us more like Christ and help others from what we have _____?

Five Reasons We Should Forget a Bad Past:

1. There is no scriptural _____ to remember a bad past. (Luke 9:62)

- The Bible does not tell you to:

_____ it.

_____ it.

_____ it.

2. You can not go forward and _____ at the same time. (Phil. 3:12-14)

- Paul knew his past would bring him down the rest of his life unless he went forward and _____ the past in the past.

3. We don't remember the past _____. (Exodus 16:3)

- We tend to be _____ and _____ when we recall our past.
- The good 'ole days were not as good as we remember, and those bad memories were not as bad as we thought.

4. You become the focus of the _____ instead of God being the focus of the _____.

- When you constantly remember the hurts of your past, you are telling others, God, and you that the Lord really didn't and can't _____.
- If God has healed you, then remember that you don't live there _____.
- God has moved you! (Ruth 1:20-2:2)

5. You can not _____ the past.

- Joseph knew what his brothers had done to him, and how Potiphar's wife lied about him and him thrown in prison would never change. IT HAPPENED, but now what was he going to do with what had been _____ to him.
- Joseph named his firstborn son, Manasseh, which means to "_____ the toil of the past". Joseph was not going to be able to change his past so he gave the _____ case to God and said I am no longer their Judge now, God is!
- Later in Joseph's life, after his father had died, his brothers thought he would _____ them now. When he heard this he wept and said, in Genesis 50:19,20, he was no longer their _____ because he had a Manasseh much earlier.
- You can't change the past so have a _____ and stop being the Judge, Jury, Witness, AND Prosecuting Attorney.

Five Ways to Use Your Past for God's Glory:

- 1. Get your past in the _____, confess what you need to, and ask God for forgiveness. (Psalm 139:23,24 & I John 1:9)**
- 2. Let your past motivate you for future _____ . (Joshua 7:10-13; 8:1,2)**
 - Whatever didn't happen or did happen, use it to be better, stronger, and more like Christ.
- 3. Remember the _____ God has shown you. (Joshua 4:6,7)**
- 4. Remember the _____ God has taught you.**
- 5. Allow your past to be a part of your present _____ . (Jeremiah 18:4, II Corinthians 5:17)**