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**Sermon – If I Could go back...**

**Scripture – 2 Cor 5:16-18, Deut 31:6, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Cor 4:16, Rev 21:3-7**

**Message – No need to go back and do it over because when we become made new, the past doesn't matter – nor will it ever.**

There is not a person alive who wouldn't want to go back and do some things over again. The things I'm talking about are things like, make better choices, undo a wrong, walk away from that situation instead of into it, etc... I have heard some folks say, I'm perfectly happy with all my life choices. I think that is a bit grandiose of a statement. I'm not saying we regret everything we have done, but that there is always room for improvement. After all, none of us are perfect.

God understands this issue in our heart. He is a merciful God and He has provided us with a better solution than going back in time to fix something, only to have it unravel for us in a different way. No, Our Father's solution is perfect.

First let me take you to **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:16-18** – If you're made new, then your new. Stop living like it's the old you. God has thrown it away and so must you. Your experiences are still useful to help you not make some of those mistakes again, but don't be continually burdened by them.

We do not have to travel this new path alone. If we are with God, HE will be with us.

**Deut 31:6**

God gives us a goal on how to live this new life. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Isn't this nice? Stop worrying about the memories about you that others have. God is the only one that matters.

**2 Cor 4:16** Gives us a healthy perspective. Our physical bodies wastes away over time. The things we see with our eyes are actually quite temporary compared to eternity.

There are so many scriptures on this topic, but I'll finish up with this one.

**Revelation 21:3-7**

I could be wrong here, but it appears that God will make all things new. Our mistakes and failures that we remember while in the flesh will evaporate from our point of view and we will no longer carry the burden of our failures but live with blissful peace with our Lord for all time. It is hard to conceive of a time like that, but we will.

We are already a new creation. Our problem is living like it. Let go of your past and truly be reborn by His Spirit. Cast off all your doubts and fears. They do not serve God and it isn't part of our future.

Remember, I'm hitting the topic of faith, belief and trust. These scriptures are God's word and I'm asking you today to believe them and have faith.