



POWERFORWARD

Cleaning House

***My Requisite to
Powering Forward***

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Paul's Power Forward Statement:

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)

Forgetting the Past...

❖ *Forgiveness*

- ***Forgiving Others***
- ***Forgiving Ourselves***

❖ *The inability to forgive ourselves causes us to carry guilt*

❖ *Guilt becomes an unnecessary anchor, preventing you from Powering Forward*

Looking forward to what lies ahead...

❖ *Faith*

- *Faith in your today*
- *Faith in your tomorrow*

❖ *Faith requires us to give control to God*

❖ *Giving control to God is trust in His sovereign plan*

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Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing. Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, giving these instructions to the people: “When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them. Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about a half mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don’t come any closer.” Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.”

Joshua 3:1-5 (NLT)

On the Banks of Promise

- ❖ ***After 40 years of wandering, their promise is in sight***
- ❖ ***Joshua's Command:***
 - ***Purify Yourself***
 - ***Follow the Priests Carrying the Ark***
- ❖ ***Israel's ability to Power Forward required obedience***

Purify Yourself

❖ *Purify*

- ***Remove imperfections and to concentrate a substance***
- ***To make free from sin and guilt***

❖ *The Effect of Calvary*

❖ *God has made us free!*

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

Follow the Ark

❖ The Ark of the Covenant represented the presence of God

❖ Powering Forward requires complete commitment to God

❖ Great things await those hungry for His presence

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6 (KJV)

My Requisite to Powering Forward

- ❖ ***See yourself how God sees you...
Forgiven!***
- ❖ ***God's grace extends beyond our faults***
- ❖ ***Allow God to direct your life***
- ❖ ***Step out and Power Forward***