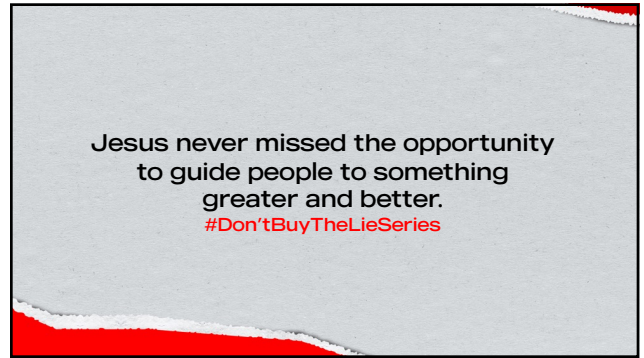
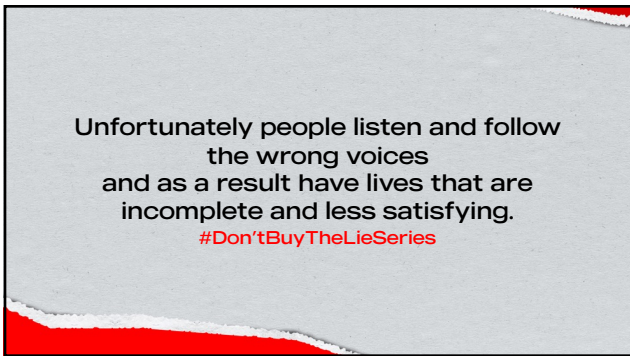




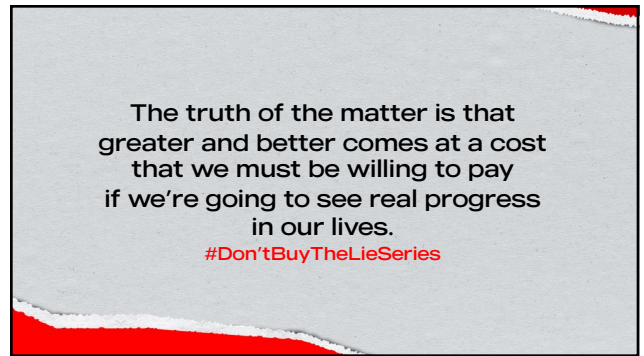
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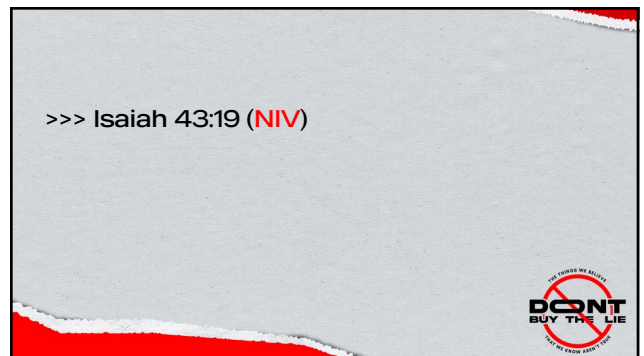
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>>> Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

See, **I am doing a new thing!** Now it springs up; **do you not perceive it?** I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.



7

In this passage,  
God was encouraging His people  
of His faithfulness despite their  
disobedience.

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Despite their unfaithfulness,  
God would demonstrate His faithfulness  
and do for them  
what they couldn't do for themselves.

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9

What they wanted to get back to,  
the Lord wanted to move them away from  
because He had something  
much greater and better for them.

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10

**WE'RE  
CALLED  
TO  
MOVE  
FORWARD**



11

>>> Philippians 3:12-16 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already  
achieved these things or that I have  
already reached perfection. But **I press on**  
to possess that perfection for which Christ  
Jesus first possessed me.



12



<sup>13</sup> 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**, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

13

<sup>15</sup> Let **all who are spiritually mature agree** on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. <sup>16</sup> But **we must hold on to the progress we have already made**.

14

Too many of us are looking backwards instead of glancing backwards.  
There's a big difference between the two.  
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15

Think about it beloved.  
Progress is always forward,  
not backwards.  
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16

>>> Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off everything that hinders** and the sin that so easily entangles.

17

And **let us run with perseverance** the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him **He endured the Cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

18

Listen.  
Trophies goes to finishers,  
not to beginners  
because many begin,  
but very few finish what's started.  
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19

Listen beloved.  
No runner restarts a race that has  
already started.  
So learn to trust the Lord  
to pick you up whenever you fall down.  
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20

Let me encourage you  
to start from where you are  
and purpose to  
keep moving forward.  
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21

**DON'T  
BUY  
THE  
LIE  
BELOVED**



22

Hear this friends.  
You can do anything  
that God helps you to accomplish.  
Believe that.  
Stand on that.  
Let that be your motivation.  
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23

>>> Philippians 1:6 (TLB)

And I am sure that **God who began the  
good work within you will keep right on  
helping you** grow in His grace until his task  
within you is finally finished on that day  
when Jesus Christ returns.



24



>>> Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**"

(now see Philippians 4:13)

25

What God wants to do in you builds on the past, but it won't keep you there.

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26

With God it's greater, better, forward and progressive.  
the past is a reference for us,  
not a destinations for us.

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27

**LET'S  
STRIVE  
TO  
MOVE  
FORWARD**



28

[ 1 ]

Examine and be honest about **where you currently are.**  
This is your starting point beloved.

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[ 2 ]

Strive to always **fix your focus on your faith.**  
That's where your strength will come from.

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[ 3 ]

Learn to expect and appreciate  
**any adversity you may experience.**  
It can help you get to  
where the Lord is trying to take you.

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[ 4 ]

Don't stay in the rearview,  
**just glance at it as a point of reference.**  
And remember that the goal  
is always forward.

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Listen beloved.  
Keep your eyes forward.  
That's where the finish line is.

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