

GOODBYE PAST, HELLO NEXT

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Dwelling Place Church
Vision: Manifesting Christ in
Many Ways to Many People

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ESV – For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

John 18:15-27 NIV | John 8:1-17 NIV

The more concerned the enemy is with God moving in your future, the more conviction he has to get you to dwell on your past.

The fastest way to go nowhere is to always be facing the wrong direction.

I am not saying that you are David, but I am saying that you might be wearing Saul's armor.

General Identity & A Specific Identity

Why do we often have such a hard time living out of that general and unique identity that God has given us?

Stronghold = a mindset, value system, or thought process that hinders your growth.

Strongholds are almost always born from our doubts of God's goodness or His ability.

John 8:44 ESV – You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Four ways that strongholds form and keep you from what is NEXT:

1) Words and Wounds

You can't spiritual bypass sorrow and pain. You can't go around it – you must go through it.

Jesus may live in your heart but grandpa is in your bones.

It is not noble for you to hate yourself. You are not what happened to you.

2) Comparison/Coveting

Comparison robs you of gratitude. And if you don't have gratitude, you don't have joy.

3) Perfectionism

If you are a perfectionist, your life will be ruled by fear.

4) Past Failures

How are we to fight & destroy these strongholds?

1) Repent

"Please forgive me Father."

2) Renounce

Formally declaring one's abandonment of.

3) Fight With Truth

Romans 8:1 ESV – There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:31-35 ESV

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GATHER

Sundays in August - 9a + 11a

Next Is Now

How can we as Christians deal with change in a godly way? "Next Is Now" illustrates those seasons of uncertainty that we all face in life's transitions. You can fight it, you can try and resist it, but life is all about change. Sometimes it is welcome, and we root for it. Other times it's the last thing we want or saw coming. One thing is certain though, when change comes, it will bring both opportunities and dangers. Join us for this August series, where we will learn how not to only survive the transitions of life but to thrive in the midst of them. Next is NOW!

Thursday, August 25

7p - 9p A Conversation of Faith

**Topic: Rightly Reading Scripture
& All Things Tongue Speech**

We will be hosting an open and informal conversation about life, spirituality, and the person of Jesus without judgment or pressure. We want to hear your thoughts and questions as we explore these themes together without the pressured atmosphere that usually comes with these conversations. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome.

GROW

Thursday, September 1

7p - 9p Launch of our Fall

Semester of Growth Phases

Join us as we kick off our fall semester of Growth Phases. Get signed up today at the Next Steps table. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

GROUP

Sunday, August 7 + 21 -

Connect Group Night

Connect groups will meet all over the area today. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

GIVE

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

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Be on the lookout in upcoming weeks for more opportunities to serve our community!