

Journey Church Hawaii
"At the Intersection of Maturity"
Isaiah 43:18 & 46:9
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- I. Finding God at the Intersection of Maturity
 - A. "Forget the former things" [Isaiah 43:18]
 - B. "Remember the former things" [Isaiah 46:9]
 - C. At the most basic level, a paradox is a statement that is self-contradictory because it often contains two statements that are both true, but in general, cannot both be true at the same time.
 - D. God is NOT contradictory [James 1:17-18]

- II. What is God Saying?
 - A. What are we to Forget? [Isaiah 43:16-21]
 - 1. Dwelling on the past and not perceiving what God is doing now [Psalm 91:1-2 "dwells"; John 15:1-17 "remain"]
 - 2. Put the past in perspective: mile marker, not a hitching post
 - B. What are we to Remember? [Isaiah 46:8-13]
 - 1. We are to fix in our mind on God and who He is [Hebrews 12:2]
 - 2. His Word is True [2 Timothy 3:16]
 - 3. His Purpose Stands [John 14:6]
 - C. Paul calls it "Christlikeness" [Philippians 3:7-11]
 - 1. Shifting from self-centeredness to being centered in Christ
 - 2. A present, continuing personal relationship
 - 3. A desire and drive to know Him
 - a. His Resurrection Power
 - b. Character built through process, time, suffering
 - c. Become a Finisher
 - d. Be "Christlike" on this side of Heaven

- III. Citizens of Heaven [Philippians 3:12 - 4:1]
 - A. Running to Win with Jesus' Perspective of the Past is a measure of maturity [Hebrews 6:1-3]
 - B. Join with others who share this value [Hebrews 10:24-25]
 - C. Set your mind on things above [Colossians 3:2]
 - D. Stand Firm [1 Corinthians 15:58]