



“When things get back to normal...”

How many times have you uttered that phrase in the past month? Most of us cannot wait for the day when “things go back to the way they were.” But when has that ever happened for you? The world is constantly changing. Life goes on, we get older, people come and go, and things happen that we cannot predict. The world changes and so do we.

If you try to find the phrase “go back” in the Bible, you will find instances where people are told to go back to God or go back to being obedient. But more often than not the Bible gives us stories and instructions to move on or go forward. We remember the past so we can learn from it, but we are not supposed to dwell there. We have more important things to do.

Take a moment and read Philippians 3:3-14. The passage concludes with: *‘Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.’ (vs 13-14)*

None of us know what life will be like when we are able to gather again and people go back to work. But, no matter how long that takes we are to press on. No matter what the world around us is like we are to keep moving forward in obedience. The world will change again. If we listen to God’s calling, He might even use us to change it for the better. And if we pay attention, He can use this to change us for the better in the process.