

You can be someone's miracle!

Why forget the past?

1. The past cannot be CHANGED.
2. The enemy uses the past to shame, pain, and cause fear.
3. The past keeps you from your preferred future.

Ecclesiastes – Solomon Says:

1. Solomon says *your pride will lead to pain.* (1:16-17)
2. Solomon says *your stuff will never satisfy.* (2:10-11)
3. Solomon says *your soul will always hunger for connection.* (4:9-12)

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together! So take that Next Step and find yours today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Who did you look up to most growing up? Who did you most like to be like? Do you still look up to them today?

Connect to God's story

If you haven't yet, take a few minutes and read Paul's letter to the Philippians and jot down anything that comes to mind as you read.

Read Philippians 3:17-4:1.

Paul tells the church in Philippi to join him and others as they imitate Christ. Why would it be so valuable to imitate Christ and following the example of those who are also imitating Him? How are you doing at this?

Is it easy or hard for you to find godly examples to follow? What do you look for to pattern your life after?

Paul says that he is brought to tears by the reality that people live as enemies of the cross. Has this reality ever lead you to tears? Do the broken and lost bring you to tears? Why or why not?

Most everyone has something about their body that is breaking down, that they would like to change, or limits their capacity. Paul mentions our bodies will be transformed from a lowly state to one like His glorious body when Jesus returns. How does the promise of a new body help you deal with the limitations you face today?

Read Luke 24:13-16; 28-31; 36-43; John 20:11-20 and Acts 1:7-11

What are some things you notice about Jesus' post-resurrection glorious body? Anything you're excited to be like?

How do these future changes to our weak and mortal bodies help us endure our present day trials or even the thought of facing a life-long debilitation?

...we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

- *Philippians 3:20-21 (NLT)*

Real Life Prayer for 2021

We have been on a journey together in 2020. We have prayed for a deeper, intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

As we step into the new year let us build on all God has done, let us step boldly. Our word for Real Life church in 2021 is **impact**.

Lord, have impact in my inner self.

Lord, have impact in my trust in you and obey your leading.

Lord, have impact in the words of life and hope you give me.

Lord, have impact in my family.

Lord, have impact in our community.

Amen.

God has prepared us to be His light and life and to be an impact everywhere. Let the impact begin now!

Notes:
