

I Just Kissed Yesterday Goodbye

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Focus is an essential part of getting something done. Sometimes my focus is more on yesterday than it is today. I waste a lot of time looking backward.

My father used to tell me, "If you were supposed to look behind you, God would've put eyes in the back of your head. God knows what He's doing."

The older I get, the more sense that makes to me. I can waste all my time looking back or investing my time in today and looking forward. I can't look both ways.

One of the hardest things that I have in life is saying goodbye to somebody. When I went off to Bible school, I remember saying goodbye to my parents, which was a tough thing to do. The Bible school was maybe 10 hours away from where we lived. So when I said goodbye, I knew I was leaving and I wouldn't have access to them as I have had.

Saying goodbye to my parents and moving out of the house was a chore for me in many regards. I had no idea what I was going to be doing. I did not have any idea how I would take care of myself. At that time I was focused on looking forward and was excited about what I would experience.

It was then that I first discovered what it means to kiss yesterday goodbye.

I had no idea what was before me when I closed yesterday, but I was anxious to navigate new waters in my life.

At this Bible school, I met a young lady. Since we were going to school together, she was a year ahead of me, we ran across each other every day. So it wasn't long before we became what is called "an item." That was something brand-new for me. I never was part of an "item."

Letting yesterday go enables me to enjoy today and get ready

for tomorrow. I need to remember; today is tomorrow's yesterday.

No matter how good yesterday was, today can be that much better. So when I let go of yesterday, I have an opportunity now to enjoy today in its fullness.

Every once in a while, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will say with a smile, "Remember when...?" then she goes into a long tirade of something that happened years ago. But, of course, I enjoy the reflection, and sometimes it encourages me for today.

According to her, there's nothing wrong with reflecting on past experiences as long as you're not going back to that situation. So I'm still trying to learn that side of it.

Usually, we reflect on past anniversaries on our wedding anniversary and enjoy that reflection. She remembers things yesterday that I don't remember

at all.

The purpose of memories is to enhance today, make it better, and give me the energy to move forward.

I have learned to turn my yesterday into a blessing that enables me to enjoy today and tomorrow at its best.

One of my favorite Bible verses says, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

When I kiss yesterday goodbye I can focus on the day, today, that God has made to be a blessing in my life.

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Community Calendar

Al-Anon
("A mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking")
Monday nights 6:00 PM Russell Springs United Methodist Church, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Men
Monday nights at SPARC at 6:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Women
Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA)
Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY

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270-866-8811
270-250-7904
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3515 KY- West 80

Campbellsville Location
1 Living Grace Drive
(First Wednesday of each month)

Battlefield Baptist Church
954 W. Steve Wariner Dr.
Russell Springs

Beckham Ridge Separate Baptist Church
Hwy 1729

Bernard Ridge Church of God
241 Stephens Ridge Rd.
Russell Springs

Bethel United Baptist Church
Decatur Road, Dunnville

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Bethel Church Road
Jamestown

Bethesda Community Fellowship
3109 S. Hwy 127
Russell Springs

Bethlehem Separate Baptist Church
West Hwy 80
Russell Springs

Cedar Springs United Baptist

Clearfork Baptist Church
760 Clearfork Rd. Eli, KY
(270) 866-7683

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Est Hwy 619, Bernard Ridge,
Russell Springs

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E. Hwy. 80

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Jamestown
Bro. Doug Baldwin, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Russell Springs
392 E. Hwy 80,
Russell Springs
Sunday

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West Hwy 80 (Royville)

First Apostolic Church
3563 E. Hwy 80
Russell Springs

First United Methodist Church of Jamestown
157 N. Main Street
Jamestown
Phone: (270)-343-4187

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Sun. School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45
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Garrett Crawford, Pastor
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2272 Hwy 379
Russell Springs

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W. Hwy 76 – Russell/Adair line

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170 Stephens Ridge Rd.
Russell Springs

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Dowell Road
Russell Springs
Phone: (270)-866-2554

Greater Hope Christian Fellowship
N. Hwy 127 Russell Springs

Grider's Chapel United Methodist Church
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Jamestown

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65 S. Main St., Jamestown

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132 S. Main St., Jamestown

Jamestown Community Church
312 Monument Square
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Jamestown First Baptist Church
165 W. Cumberland Ave.
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Jamestown Seventh-Day Adventist Church
100 Freedom Church Road – Junc. 55 & 127 Jamestown
Phone: (270) 507-9434

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Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Damron Creek Road
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Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Phone: (270) 585-9299

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Russell Springs
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86 Owenstown
Schoolhouse Rd.
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Junction 80&127

Russell Springs United Methodist
226 Jamestown St.
Russell Springs
Phone: (270) 866-5180

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3005 Hwy 1729
Russell Springs
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253 Ballinger Road
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189 West Drive
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Russell Springs
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P.O. Box 2121 – Hwy 1729
Russell Springs

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