Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 3:13,14

"forgetting those things which are behind..." Not an easy task sometimes is it? Just when you stop thinking about the past, someone brings it up again and you are back there again, re-living those moments when you were not living such a godly life.

The apostle Paul had many accusers during the ministry God had called him too. He started out as a devout Pharisee who was out to destroy the newly formed Christian sect. Then, God got ahold of him and brought Paul into the truth where he was changed into a preacher of truth.

One of Paul's biggest thorns in the flesh, was Alexander the Coppersmith, an apostate who tried hard to distract Paul's followers from the truth by probably bringing up Paul's past offenses against the early church believers? But, Paul kept running the race of faith and finished well.

How often the enemy and our accuser hits with things from our past. It is then that we must stand and let him have it with the fact that God has promised "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

This truth alone from 1 John 1 allows us to proclaim to the devil that our past is no longer his business and he is trespassing by trying to jump in front of us to stop us from continuing our race of faith. Keep running, proclaiming the name of Jesus as you do, and stiff arm the old snake right out of your way.

We must keep the faith by looking forward always! There is nothing behind us but those things that are in the past. Only if we have not confessed a sin and
asked forgiveness should we ever reach back there to pull something we have done forward to the present.

God makes us *more than a conqueror* and even if we fall, and the Bible says *a righteous man may fall seven times*, let us at least fall forward by reaching forward.