



## **DGM Message Summary: The Brass of the Past (August 25, 2015)**

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God has done some good things in our past, but it's sometimes very hard to let go of the good (and the bad). If not, we will get stuck. It's one thing to honor the past, but we sometimes get caught up in worshipping it.

When we start to worship the instruments and don't keep them in their proper place, we can't let go and move into the future or a new season. All God has done in the past foreshadows what He wants to do in the future, so we have to be careful not to get stuck or our past will become our God.

Don't let your arms be so full of the past that you don't have room to embrace the future!

### Scriptural References:

- 2 Kings 18:1-4
  - Hezekiah thought it was ok to break something Moses had created for the good of the nation
- 2 Chronicles 28:1
- Numbers 21:4-7
  - Straightforward roads don't require much to travel, so God sends us into places that require tremendous skill to navigate; it's a part of God's plan and wisdom
    - But the people of Israel grew frustrated because it was taking too long
  - The Lord sent serpents because the people were being unappreciative, and it caused them to cry out to Moses and ask God to take away the snakes
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - Jesus went to the cross so that we might become the righteousness of God; He took our shame because He loves us
- John 3:14
  - Jesus bore all of our punishment and sin and extinguished it
- 2 Kings 18:4
  - Hezekiah broke an object God once used to save the people because they began to worship it

### Key Points:

- You may not be able to choose your biological father, but you can use your spiritual father
  - Regardless of your past, you have a choice
- We must learn how to appreciate what we have before we end up missing what we once had
  - Tough love helps us get perspective
- *How to make it to the end of your journey: be quick to repent and forgive!*
- Even though you deserve the consequences, you can look to God for mercy
- Don't confuse the things God put in your path to help you turn towards him as God himself
  - You have to be willing to let people go
- Don't make an idol of your past or you can get stuck; as good as this life is, it's simply a down-payment of what's to come on the other side
  - What you have to let go of is minor in comparison to what's to come