

# HOMECELL NOTES

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**BURN THOSE BRIDGES**  
11 September 2024

## WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

## WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 1 Worship song)

## WORD

Ask a cell member to read Luke 17:20-32

**QUESTION 1:** In this passage Jesus gives His audience some insight on the last days. He makes a profound statement when He said: "Remember what happened to Lot's wife!" Why do you think He referred to Lot's wife?

Ask a cell member to read Genesis 19:15-26

**QUESTION 2:** Why did Lot's wife turn into a pillar of salt?

*Answer: She explicitly ignored the command from the angels who said they should hurry out of the city and not even look back.*

**We all must leave certain things behind in our journey with God. Things that God delivered and called us from! These things/places - if you return to them, might cost you your destiny!**  
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### **Philippians 3:13-16 The Passion Translation**

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however, I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead.

**QUESTION 3:** The Apostle Paul shares a very simple truth for living a successful life. How would you describe this truth in your own words?

The origin of the idiom 'burning your bridges' (or 'burning your boats') comes from the Roman military tactic of crossing into foreign land and then destroying the bridge behind you – leaving no option for retreat!

**QUESTION 4:** What does "burning your bridges" imply?

*Answer: 1. It implies letting go and forgetting what is behind and pressing on into what lies ahead.  
2. It implies that you are no longer a prisoner of your past.  
3. It implies releasing yourself from what could have or should have been.*

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4. It implies that you forget the hurts, mistakes etc. of yesterday.
5. It implies a refusal to nurse, rehearse and curse your setbacks in life.

## **Isaiah 43:17a,18,19 The Message Bible**

Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

**QUESTION 5:** Why do you think God is so adamant that we should forget the past and stop going over old history?

*Answer: Not one of us has the power or ability to change the past. God knows that trying to do this will be a futile exercise. Rather spend that time and energy on building and securing your future.*

**QUESTION 6:** What would you say are the consequences of not burning those old bridges in your life?

On Sunday morning Pastor At shared with us 5 consequences that will become evident in our life if we do not actively turn our back on our past:

1. When lot's wife looked back, she died in her tracks – her progress stopped.
2. Looking back to where we used to be, erases our usefulness for the work of God's Kingdom.
3. Looking back changes our direction – taking your eyes off the road will cause you to change lanes.
4. Looking back influences others around you.
5. We can never become what God has designed us to be with our chins hanging over our shoulder.

**You have a new life in Christ, stop digging up your hurtful past!  
Let it go... let it go!**

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## **2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 The Message Bible**

<sup>17</sup> Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. <sup>21</sup> How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.

## **WORKS**

### **Jude 1:23 New Living Translation**

Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment.

We have a very clear mandate from God... we should rescue people! Challenge members to continue to reach out to the lost. Dream Week 2024 is a great opportunity to invite someone.