



## The Truth About Moving Forward (The Benefits of Believing)

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### Series Summary: Four Things That Will Help You Move Forward

- A. **Forgetting** (Requires a high level of maturity to let things go)
- B. **Reaching** (Requires a clear sense of direction- you can only reach for what you can see!)
- C. **Pressing** (Requires a stubborn level of grit)
- D. **Believing** (Requires unwavering faith)

### Series Text: Philippians 3:13–14

- 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize** for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**Note:** Enoch is an example of a prize winner that impressed and pleased God

**Question:** Do you believe there is a prize for you?

### Today's Text: Hebrews 11:5–7 (NIV)

- 5 By faith **Enoch was taken from this life**, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, **he was commended as one who pleased God.**

### Today's Big Lesson: You will limit your potential if you don't believe

- 6 And **without faith it is impossible** to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**Big Question:** What made Enoch's commitment to believe unique enough to mention?

### 1. Note: His Family Background

#### I. His Father, by Our Standards, Was a Late Family Planner

#### A Child Is Born to Jared named Enoch at 162 years old

- Genesis 5:18–24 (NIV): 18 When **Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch.**  
19 After he became the father of Enoch, **Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.**  
20 Altogether, **Jared lived a total of 962 years**, and then he died.

## **II. Enoch, by His Family's Standard, Was an Early Family Planner**

- 21 When **Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.** 22 After he became the father of Methuselah, **Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.**

## **III. Enoch, by His Family's Standard, Died Young Compared to His Dad who Died at 962 (Gen. 5:20)**

- 23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. 24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

**Note:** To them he died or disappeared in the prime of his life.

### **2. Note: His Unique Spiritual Testimony:**

- **Genesis says, he walked faithfully with God (Genesis 5:24)**
- **Hebrews says he was a man of great faith that worked to please God (Hebrews 11:5)**
- By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

**Closing Question: Are you a unique believer that walks with God?**

**Next Time: July 2022: Managing the Seasons**

**Big Question: How Do You Manage the Changing Seasons in Your Life?**

**My Seasons Theory:** Most people struggle during two seasons of life.

1. They struggle when their lives have no spaces
2. They struggle when their lives have a lot of empty spaces

**Read Ahead:** Philippians 4:10-11, NIV

- I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.