

**REMEMBER THE PAST
LIVE IN THE PRESENT
PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

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1. Remember the past

Psalm 77:5 "I thought about the former days, the days of long ago."

- a. The passion to plant a Baptist church
- b. The sacrifice
- c. The vision for the future

Remember the past but do not live in the past.

2. Live in the present – a different time and a different place

- a. Dying churches live in the past
- b. Dying churches resist and refuse to change

3. Plan for the future

- a. Focus on the next two generations – Judges 2:7, 10
- b. Leave a legacy
 - Personal testimony
 - Financial

"I will go anywhere as long as it is forward" – David Livingstone