

Title: No Parking Here:

Scripture: Philippians 3:13-14 *“But one thing I do, forgetting what’s behind and straining for what’s ahead.”*

We can let go of our past guilt, shame, and failure and look forward to what God has ahead for us. A fuller and meaningful life.

Introduction:

I want to kick this off with three simple but meaningful words. No Parking Here.

Have you ever seen a No Parking Sign? I’m sure you have. Do you know they are not merely suggestions, their commands. You can’t stop here; you can’t stay here. You have got to move on. And if you ignore it, you risk the chance of being towed away, fined, or find yourself in the wrong place.

Now. Let’s flip that sign towards our life and that is exactly what God is saying to us. No Parking Here. Move on.

To many of us are parked in places God never wanted us to park. Settled in past pain, fear and present comfort.

1. Don’t Park in Past Pain

Some of us have been licking our wounds since yesterday, when we should be forgetting them. Yes, someone hurt us, treated us unfairly, lied to us, or stabbed us in the back. Hey. We’ve all messed up; we’ve all failed at some point. We’ve all experienced pain of some kind, but have we parked in a place of regret or unforgiveness? Have we just been sitting there with our engines off and our dreams stalled?

But God says, *“forget what’s behind”* move forward. Not because our pain didn’t matter, but because our purpose still does.

God is a God of motion, of progress and of purpose. He is also a God of healing. And you know you can’t heal what you keep rehearsing.

Don’t Park in your pain, drive through it. He’s not just a comforter of our past; He’s the GPS (God positioning system) of our future.

Don’t be a parked car, be a vessel of progress. Move forward towards your purpose!

No Parking in the Past Pain.

2.No Parking in Fear:

2nd Timothy 1:7 says (*God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self- discipline.*)

Timothy's leadership was under attack at this time and Paul encouraged him to be bold in his response to these attacks. Don't be intimidated by people that attack you. If we do, we neutralize our effectiveness for God. We should utilize the power of the Holy Spirit to help us overcome any fear of what people say or do to us. This will help us to continue in God's work.

Don't let fear wave you into a rest area, saying we've got safe zones open here. You can park here. It's safer here, less risky, no pain, no heartache and no failure. Don't make a rest area your destination, because your destiny is just up ahead!

Fear drives with both feet on the brake's faith drives with the faith pedal to the floor yelling come on man get out of the way, I got destiny to get too. Fear is a horrible driver that gets you nowhere fast.

We should drive by faith, not brakes. So, get off the brake, shift gears and put that faith pedal to the floor. Drive with courage, not fear. You've got divine backup. We were built for motion, not constant maintenance. Be, a vehicle not a monument

Fear is a liar and has no license to drive your destiny! Faith doesn't operate with the brakes on, because you have a green light from heaven. Because where God is taking you requires motion, not hesitation.

You can't park here. You **CAN'T** Park here!

3.No Parking in Present comfort'

Are some of you parked in the warm, cozy zone of good enough? I get it, you're not where you used to be and that's amazing. But you're not moving forward anymore. Have you settled into good enough, when God has called you for greatness?

Some of us may be parked in pride, still waving the victory flag over what God did last year. Are we saying things like remember that time God moved and did this or that? I'm sure you do. Who could Ever forget a move of God? But do you remember He's not done moving? Think of it like this. Yesterday's manna is rotten today.

You've got a future calling, don't let comfort keep you in park. Because if you stay parked in yesterday's success, you'll miss tomorrow's assignment.

Truth Bomb: The comfort zone is where the tow truck takes callings to rust and rot away!! If the devil can't destroy you, he will distract you with comfort.

You can't park here. You CAN'T Park Here!!!

Final Word:

I don't know what you're parked in, shame, guilt, success, failure, or fatigue. But I'm here as divine traffic control to tell you that you were never meant to stall in sadness. Never meant to idle in insecurity. You have been built for motion, saved for purpose and fueled by grace!

So why are you stuck?

Parked in pain like God is unable to heal anymore? Parked in yesterday's victory like that's the end of what He can do? If so. Don't be. I promise you there is,

More joy.

More peace.

More strength.

More purpose.

Let's say this for the doubt in your rearview mirror. **You can't park here. You CAN'T Park here.**

Wherever you're at right now is not your destination. It's a drive – thru, not a driveway.

Yes. Pain may visit you, but it's not your landlord. Failure may have hit, but don't let it have the final word.

So, get to moving. Start that engine, rev up that faith, throw it into drive and get to trucking. Because the Holy Spirit doesn't ride shotgun just to sit in stall. He's your GPS- God positioning system, and He's got a rout planned for you that will blow your mind.

So. Get up, get moving, get pressing, get going and get gone.

Once again. You can't park here. YOU CAN'T PARK HERE!

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