

Baggage is...

A Reference to the Things We Carry  
With Us Through Life

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Baggage is...

Something That Comes From Our  
Past and is Still With Us in the Present

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"History repeats itself."

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"History does not repeat itself,  
but it does rhyme." —Mark Twain

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Experiences  
*Choices*  
FEARS  
Losses Wins  
MEMORIES  
DREAMS *Emotions*  
Disappointments

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<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats  
and murder against the disciples  
of the Lord, went to the high priest  
<sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the  
synagogues at Damascus, so that  
if he found any belonging to the  
Way, men or women, he might  
bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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**<sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.**

**—Acts 9:1-3 ESV**

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**...<sup>4</sup>though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. —Philippians 3:4-6 ESV**

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**Baggage is...**

**Something That Gets Heavier  
the Longer We Hold On to It**

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**<sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.**

**<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ... —Philippians 3:7-8 ESV**

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**Many are still carrying  
baggage today. Why?**

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**Why? It is a matter of...  
Reality**

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**Why? It is a matter of...**  
**Necessity**

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**“Guilt is not God’s punishment! God uses guilt for one purpose only and that is to lead us to Christ that we might repent of our sins and be cleansed. Guilt is God’s way of reminding us we have violated His standard and must be brought back into moral agreement with Him.”**

**—Dr. Erwin Lutzer**

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**Why? It is a matter of...**  
**Memory**

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**“Satan has a vested interest in getting us to believe there are some sins for which there is no forgiveness. The more he can magnify the horrors of our sins, the more he diminishes the value of Christ’s death.**

**Of course sin is abhorrent to God, but God’s remedy is equal to the task. He took into account the full extent of human need when He accepted Christ’s payment.” —Dr. Erwin Lutzer**

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**Baggage is...**  
**Something That Can be Given Over to Someone Else to Handle for You**

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**<sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 3:13-14 ESV**

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**“Forgetting did not mean  
obliterating the memory of his  
past, but was a conscious refusal  
to let it absorb his attention  
and impede his progress.”  
—NIV Bible Commentary**

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**“It is more important to see where  
you are going than to be preoccupied  
with where you have been.”**

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**For high achievers, there is a  
common belief that past victories  
guarantee future successes.**

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**For injured travelers, there is a  
common belief that a bad experience  
guarantees future failures.**

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**“Every saint has a past and every  
sinner has a future.” —Oscar Wilde**

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**Philippians 3:7-8**

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**<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. —Philippians 2:12-13 ESV**

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**TRUST—Putting Your Confidence in Someone You Can Depend On**

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**<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. —Psalm 40:2-3 ESV**

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**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:9 ESV**

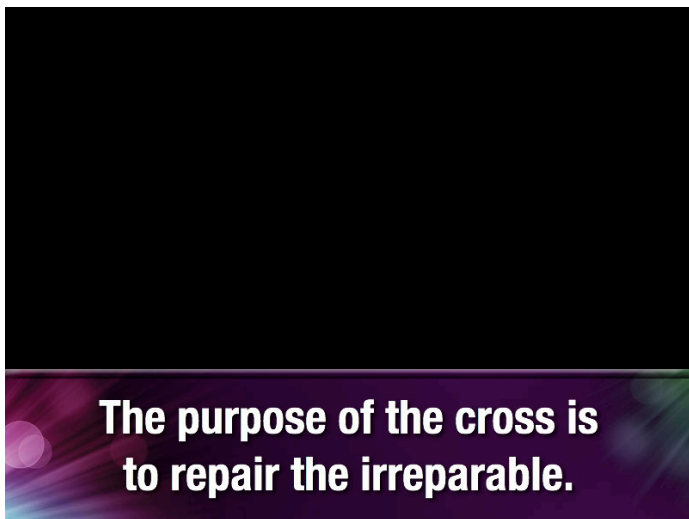
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**<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God...**

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**...<sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. —Hebrews 10:19-23 ESV**

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