

Remember

Make a Difference Sunday

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*“²Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years ... ¹⁰When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. ¹¹But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you **do not forget** the Lord your God ... ¹⁴Do not become proud at that time and **forget** the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. ¹⁵**Do not forget** that He led you through the great and terrifying wilderness ... ¹⁷He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’ ¹⁸Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful ... ¹⁹But I assure you of this: If you ever **forget** the Lord your God and follow other gods, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed.”* Deuteronomy 8:2, 10-11, 14-15, 17-19 (NLT)

Remembering is about:

- **Praising the One who deserves the credit**

“¹⁸Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful ... ”

- **Staying humble**

“¹⁷He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’”

- **Setting up the NextGen to win**

*“¹⁰After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or **remember** the mighty things He had done for Israel. ¹¹The Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight and served the images of Baal. ¹²They abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They went after other gods, worshiping the gods of the people around them. And they angered the Lord.”* Judges 2:10-12 (NLT)

*“⁴We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders. ... ⁷So each generation should set its hope anew on God, **not forgetting** His glorious miracles and obeying His commands.”* Psalm 78:4,7 (NLT)

- **Defeating doubt, fear and worry**

*“¹⁴But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat. ... ¹⁶At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn’t brought any bread. ¹⁷Jesus knew what they were saying, so He said... ¹⁸‘Don’t you **remember** anything at all? ¹⁹When I fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?’ ‘Twelve,’ they said. ²⁰‘And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?’ ‘Seven,’ they said. ²¹‘Don’t you understand yet?’ He asked them.”* Mark 8:14, 16-21 (NLT)

- Remembering God’s faithfulness in the past helps us trust God for our future.

Remember:

- **Who God is**

“¹²Who else has held the oceans in His hand? Who has measured off the heavens with His fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale? ¹³Who is able to advise the Spirit of the Lord? Who knows enough to give Him advice or teach Him? ¹⁴Has the Lord ever needed anyone’s advice? Does He need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach Him what is right or show Him the path of justice? ¹⁵No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.” Isaiah 40:12-15 (NLT)

“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!” Psalm 147:5 (NLT)

- **Who we are apart from Him**

“¹Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.” Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

- **What He has done for us**

*“⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us **life** when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) ⁶For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.”* Ephesians 2:4-7 (NLT)

- **That it’s about **faith** in Jesus, not **works****

*“⁸God saved you by His grace when you **believed**. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”* Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

“... Everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.” Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

- **What He has done through us**

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

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- **Jesus**

- Andy Bernard: I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them.

- **I'm so proud of you!**

- **That the best is ahead!**

“²⁰Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)