

“I Remember”
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

God will give you your mountain, but He won’t spare you the climb.

[Hebrews 11:21, NKJV]

“By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, ***leaning*** on the top of his staff.”

Jacob wasn’t leaning on the staff. He was leaning on the memory of God’s faithfulness.

It’s how we perform in the unseen things that determines how we perform in front of people. Even though you might be born great, you still have to practice your greatness everyday.

If you don’t schedule your victories, your defeats will schedule themselves.

1. You have to create a memory that will strengthen you to stand, when you are about to fall.

The place that we go back to is the last place that we created a memory of pleasure. We have to stay in the presence of God long enough to create a memory. It's only the memories that we create in the presence of God that will sustain us through the tests and temptations.

We don't like to do things that we don't feel good at.

It's impossible to hear the voice of God when we dictate what we already want Him to say.

When Moses held up his staff, it was a reminder of God's faithfulness to his yesterday.

2. Each day is God's gift to you, what you do with it, is your gift to Him.

God can't bless who you're pretending to be; He can only bless who He made you to be.

Depending upon how you work your faith and your muscles determines what other people see.

3. Progress apart from your purpose gives birth to pride.

[1 Samuel 17:38-40]

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

Before he got his weapon, Davis grabbed his memory.

Every blessing that we get that we don't turn back into worship eventually becomes pride.

Worship is the one thing God can't do, so He created you and me. In order for God to worship, He has to imply that there is something higher than He is. There is nothing greater than God!

[Psalms 23:1-4 NKJV]

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

[Genesis 32:10, NIV]

"I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps."

FOR MONDAY—

1. Jot down in a journal, or something you can revisit, the things that God has done for you personally.
2. Carve out time to create a memory in the presence of God.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Do you enjoy watching documentaries? If so, what is the appeal and takeaways? If not, what do you find challenging about them?

2. What does it take to become a champion? Who is someone you consider the “Greatest of all Time” (the GOAT), and what did he or she undergo to get there?
3. When have you felt forgotten or ignored? What circumstances led to that? How did you heal and find restoration?
4. What would happen if we could remember all the things that God has done for us? What would that unlock corporately?
5. Can you lay down your life to remember that God can redeem it and raise it up again?
6. What are ways for you to work out your “spiritual muscles?”
7. How can a staff comfort us? What does it remind us?
8. When was the last time God was faithful to you? What memory sticks out most recently?