

Remembrance Day

“Lest we forget....”

Remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in war and are no longer with us.

Human Inclination is towards apathy:

- seem to adapt to our situation, become complacent

The Familiar Loses its Impact:

- can slip into familiar stories, tradition without meaning, loss of emotion or response

God established we need to Remember, Renew and Respond!

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1. Remember

World War I:

1. 628,736 Canadians served.
2. 66,573 died and 138,166 were wounded.
3. 2,818 were taken prisoner of war.
4. 175 merchant seamen died by enemy action.

World War II:

1. 1,031,902 Canadian men and 49,963 Canadian women served.
2. 44,927 died and 43,145 were wounded.
3. 8,271 were taken prisoner of war.
4. 1,146 merchant seamen died by enemy action.

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Korea:

1. 26,791 Canadians served.
2. 516 died and 1,558 were wounded.
3. 33 were taken prisoner of war.

The Gulf War:

1. 3,837 Canadian men and 237 Canadian women served.
2. There were no Canadian casualties or prisoners of war during the Gulf War.

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- but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

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- When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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- On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

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- God commands us to remember:
 - remember you were slaves, God acted on your behalf, see clearly what happened
 - remember you enjoy what was not yours, be careful not to forget – believe it's your right, you earned it
 - “what do these stones mean?” – tell them about God's deliverance of the land
 - remembrance allows truth to penetrate the present

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2. Renew

- Recalling the truth changes your perspective
 - see the situation you are in differently
- remember you were slaves, God delivered you – therefore keep the Sabbath Holy
- remember God gave you this land, houses, vineyards etc. – therefore fear God, pay attention to His laws
- remember God stopped the river – therefore give him the honor for the riches you enjoy

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- renew your perspective
 - see what I have, give thanks
 - see what it cost, appreciate grace anew
- common thread today – sacrifice
 - * cannot see the truth about our freedom & not appreciate the sacrifice
 - * cannot see the truth about God's love, Jesus work on the cross, and ignore the sacrifice

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3. Respond

- We are to live differently in light of the truth
- Seeing the cost, sacrifice, appreciating what has been done for us – demands a response in how we live
- * Lives have been given to:
 - grant freedom, defeat tyranny, correct injustice
- * Jesus died for us:
 - grant eternal life, freedom from slavery to sin, ability to live empowered by all mighty God

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- information without response is of no value.
- Romans 1 – although they knew God – neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks....therefore....
- Needs to be a response that shows life change:
 - * See the truth, renew my perspective, respond with my time, my money, my energies, efforts

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So What

1. Remember the Truth

- take a look at your life, your freedoms, renew

2. Renew Your Perspective

- See cost, sacrifice, what was done on your behalf

3. Respond

- in giving thanks, in sacrifice, to injustice, to change what is wrong – make right