



Walk by Faith

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

The Invitation

Remember

November 11th – Remembrance Day

1st Sunday of Month – Communion Celebration

- can become routine, something we do
- human tendency – forget, decreasing impact
- time affects our:
 - feelings and emotions around events
 - clarity and conclusions around decisions
 - intentional actions day to day

James 1:24 *“For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.”*

Bible Full of Instruction around this

Peter – “intend to always remind you” 2 Peter 1:12

3:1-2 “stirring you up by way of reminder”

Paul – 2 Timothy – recall, remind you, take care

Deut. 6:12 – “take care lest you forget”

Joshua 4:6-7 “that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’⁷ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

Hebrews 11 – Hall of faith recorded

1 Cor. 10:6 *“Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.”*

- we don't have to learn the hard way all the time

1 Cor. 10:11-12 *“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall”*

What Does Remembering Do in Us?

1. Exposes Movement

- reveals what transpired and where we are now
- anniversary, birthday – remember & reality
- many days set aside to recall and examine
 - bring celebration and concern
 - aware of current reality
 - movement exposed – positive and negative

a) In Our Country

- exposes how easily we take freedom for granted**
- exposes how much of our world struggles with war and oppression**
- response – aware of how easy it is to live without gratitude, taking freedom of choice, religion, democracy for granted. Not participating in what was secured for us by others.**
- pray for those who suffer and fight today.**

b) In Our Faith

- approaching communion, chance to examine our hearts
- exposes how easily I take my salvation for granted – God's love for me evidenced
- have I grown cold – neglected to.....
- have I allowed forgiveness – I have been forgiven and hold things against others
- response – honest appraisal & examination, bringing repentance and appreciation. (not guilt and shame)

2. Renews Perspectives

- often when we expose movement, look at reality, we have a response
 - sometimes great encouragement – positive
 - sometimes great discouragement – negative
 - important to put our circumstances and reality in perspective
- Lamentations 3:1-26 great passage
 - 3:1 “I am the man who has seen affliction”
 - 19 verses of honest reflection on tough time

- 3:20-26 “ My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

a) In Our Country

- easy to be negative on economy, defense, leadership, morality etc.**
- possible to be positive on, democracy, freedoms, standard of living etc.**
- perspective on those who willingly serve and go needs to be**
 - support, encourage, appreciate**
 - pray for families, safety etc.**

b) In Our Faith

- easy to be distressed in circumstances and honest reflection**
- possible to be encouraged in worship, reminded who God is, family of God**
- celebrate God is forgiving, redemptive, able and active, hears his children and responds**
- renewed perspective – see our same circumstances with new eyes and new hope**

3. Clarifies our Response

- good remembering exposes our reality, renews our perspective, and brings response

- James 1:23-25 *“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”*

a) In Our Country

- remember the cost to lives and families
- remember the sacrifice and service
- renew our commitment to:
 - prayer
 - care for the broken & wounded
 - support for the families
 - participation

b) In Our Faith

- remember God's love evidenced in Christ
- remember the cost of sin paid
- respond to God's invitation
- renew our obedience to discipleship & participation
- note – you are a recipient of others being faithful to share gospel, share resources, sacrificially give and go.
- what legacy will you leave?

- Romans 10:13-15 “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”