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Remembrance Day

Set apart to Recall

- freedom we enjoy and its cost
- sacrifice and service of others
- honor the people, families, that have lost loved ones

People tend to

- let things of the past grow dim, fade, forget
- change the narrative – recall only certain details
- believe that the current reality is shaped by them



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Scripture Calls us – Be a People who Remember

1. Our History

- George Santayana “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it”
- 1 Cor. 10:6 “Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.”
- 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. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”



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2. God's Presence and Work

a) Intentional and Specific

- Deut. 6:4-12 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."



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“And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”



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- 'on your heart' – responsible to know & own
- 'teach diligently' – intentional in passing on
- symbols with meaning – find markers & monuments
- gratitude – clear about what God has granted
- 'take care lest you forget' – guarded against drift



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- Deut. 4:9-10 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”

- clear call to be careful and diligent



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b) monuments and markers important

- biblical model - celebrations, set apart times, markers

- 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?’ 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.”



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- 1 Cor. 11:23-26 “For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for[f] you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”



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c) Remind and recall

- need to be reminded often of core truth

- 2 Peter 1:12-15 “Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things”



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- 2 Peter 3:1-2 “This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles”

- don't miss the passion of Peter – don't forget

- clear this about remembering who God is and what He is doing



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3. Renewed Perspective & Placing our Hope

- memories for memories sake – just information
- remember for a reason

a) Renewed Perspective

- James 1:22-25 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 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. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 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.”



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- clear view bringing action and response

- remembering, leading to response

b) renew hope

- Lamentations 3:21-24 “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.”



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So What?

- 1. Be a people clear about our history**
 - the sacrifices of others, freedoms we enjoy, God's work
 - mistakes, ways we wander, warnings from God
- 2. Be intentional about passing on (discipleship)**
 - have it in your own heart – renewed often
 - participate in markers, monuments, celebrations
- 3. Allow Truth to Renew Perspective & Place Hope**
 - God is in control, promises to us, can trust him





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