

“REMEMBER THIS DAY”

Text: [Exodus 13:3-5 & 12:14](#)

³ Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast. ⁴ Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving. ⁵ When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites—the land he swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month (Exodus 13:3-5)

¹⁴ “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance. (Exodus 12:14)

We have all kinds of important days that we remember

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Holidays

special events

days of infamy: December 7, 1941, September 11, 2001...

But our most important day should be “[This Day](#)”

For ‘[This Day](#)’ **He brought us out!**

“This day”----“This Month”-----of Abid,---- [The Lord Delivered Us!!!](#)

Do you remember the day
and the place when the Lord saved you?

We should never forget the Day of our Salvation!

**We should never forget that the angel of death passed over the faithful,
those who put the blood on their doorposts.**

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Remember What?

THAT WE WERE SLAVES!

THAT WITHOUT THE BLOOD
OF JESUS SPLASHED ON OUR HEARTS
ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE SLAVES!

God made this an unforgettable part of His Word in the Old Testament.

He repeats it so many times...

¹² *be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deut 16:12)*

¹⁸ *Remember that you were **slaves** in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. (Deut 24:18)*

¹⁵ *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. (Deut 15:15)*

- God wants us to remember what we were before He found us!

Before He delivered us,

Before He... cleaned us up
 washed us up
 straightened us up!

We were lost sinners—bound to a devil's hell.

We were in bondage—captives of sin and shame.

We were enslaved!

But Praise Be to God He Delivered Us!!!

Wow! Paul hit it on the head
when he wrote in Ephesians 2:1-5,

¹ ***As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,*** ² *in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.* ³ *All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.* ⁴ *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,* ⁵ *made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Eph 2:1-5)*

Did you catch that?

*dead in our transgressions and sins.
following the ways of this world
and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air.
We were by nature objects of wrath*

But God's love is more powerful than our sin.

God's mercy and grace are more awesome than our weakness.

Paul reminds the Corinthians of this very fact in 1 Corinthians 6,

⁹ *Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders* ¹⁰ *nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.* ¹¹ *And that is what some of you were. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (1 Cor 6:9-11)*

When we were baptized,
we were saved,
we were sanctified,
we were justified
in the name of Jesus Christ
and by the Spirit of our God.

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- But not only does God wants us to remember what we were before He found us!
- God wants us to remember how He delivered us!

With power and majesty and might and great wonders.

He delivered us with great glory and strength...

³⁴ *...by miraculous signs and wonders...by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, ... by great and awesome deeds (Deut 4:34)*

⁸ *... it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (Deut 7:8)*

- When we remember HOW God set us free we begin to realize that is just the way HE is!
- That His power is still the same today!

When the children of Israel wanted meat to eat the Lord blew quail in from the sea.

When the Lord heard their grumbings, He replied,

²³ *“Is the LORD’s arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you.” (Num 11:23)*

The prophet Isaiah looks back upon this time and remarks in Isaiah 50:2-3,

² *When I came, why was there no one?
When I called, why was there no one to answer?
Was my arm too short to ransom you?
Do I lack the strength to rescue you?
By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea,
I turn rivers into a desert;*

*their fish rot for lack of water
and die of thirst.*

³ *I clothe the sky with darkness
and make sackcloth its covering.” (Isa 50:2-3)*

In 2 Kings 7 Syria had Samaria besieged
and Elisha said to the king,

*“About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two
seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.” (2 Kings 7:1)*

The king was trodden underfoot
because of his doubt and disbelief.

All God has to do is speak the word.

The world was spoken into existence
with the sound of his voice!

He’s just as powerful today—for He does not change!

⁸ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)*

⁷ *For nothing is impossible for God. (Luke 1:37)*

- **How Long Are We to Remember God’s mighty deeds?**

...*all the days of our lives* (Deut 16:3)

- **Why is it so important to remember what He did?**

So we don’t lose what we have:
the victory
the joy
the peace

- God says,
“Victory is lost
the very moment we forget
what we have won!”

All too often, if we forget,
we become like that dog Jesus spoke about.

You know, the one that returns to it's own vomit (2 Peter 2:22)

- We will return to the same stench and filth
if we forget how bad it was before He delivered us!

What is there to go back to
but a life of miser~~y~~—pain—heart aches.

I was lost and miserable when He found me!!

I remember where He found me.

But Praise God He Set ME Free!

Why Remember?

Because God didn't bring us out
to watch us drown, starve and fail along the way!!!

They were hungry, manna fell from heaven.

They were thirsty, water gushed from a flat rock.

They had needs—God supplied them all—
their clothes and sandals never wore out.

They came to the edge of the Red Sea,
the mountains surrounding them,
it looked like there was no way out,

BUT

God delivered them.

He opened the waters
and they walked through as on dry ground.

He may not remove the obstacle in front of us,

- but through them He will take us!
- He simply says, “My grace is sufficient for you.”

God didn’t let his promise go unfulfilled...

He didn’t bring us out
to let us die along the way.

God sees where we are at
and
He’s going take us through with his help!

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord. (Zech 4:6)

CLOSING

- Why Remember?

Because those who forget the Lord
not only miss so much in life,
they miss life altogether.

We remember because

...Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. (1 Cor 5:7)

The Passover says,

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”

When God sees Jesus’ blood on us, He passes over us.

In our baptism
blood was splashed on the doorframes of our hearts.

We have been given the opportunity to come back to God through Jesus.

Will you come to the One who gave Himself for you?

the One who died on the cross to forgive your transgressions and sin?

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Warm-up: What things do you remember each year? Why?

How has God's faithfulness impacted you?

Look at the Book**Exodus 13:3-5; 12:14**

1. Why do you think God wants us to remember what He has done for us?
2. Do you think that remembering God's mighty acts brings us closer to Him? Why?
3. How can knowing that God saves change the way people tend to represent God?
4. What do you think Exodus 12:14 indicates about God's attitude toward the importance of remembering Him?
5. What are some ways in which God asks us to remember Him? Why?

Closer Look

1. Have you ever found yourself in a situation wherein you simply didn't take God into account? Why? (If so, will you share that with the group?)
2. Does remembering Jesus as the Passover Lamb each week urge you to continually recommit your life to Him (1 Cor 5:7)?

Looking Around

Go around the room and have each person suggest ways in which they could remember God so as to make God more real in their every day lives.

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