

Do You Remember?

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[0 : 00] So, today we celebrate those who have served our country. We're so thankful for you veterans for all that you have done, and it is important that we remember, because very often when we forget, we forget the price that has been paid, we forget the sacrifice that has been made for us.

And there are a lot of things that we could probably remember. Some we would probably rather not remember. Do you remember back in the 40s, for those of you remember, party lines.

Matter of fact, we still had a party line in 1981 until we were able to get a private line. Big band music. Everyone wore hats.

You remember that? World War II. The 1950s. Petticoats were essential. Poodle skirts. Hula hoops. Ten cent Cokes.

Before my time. Comics. Chocolate bars. The 1960s. LPs. You guys know what an LP is? Long play record.

[1 : 15] Okay. Martin Luther King Jr.'s I Have a Dream. Lava Lamps. That even went into the 70s as well. John Glenn. John Glenn. John Glenn. First man to go to orbit the earth three times.

The 1970s. Eight track tapes. In the middle of a song. It would stop and go ker-chunk. And then continue playing.

Remember those things? And you couldn't keep very many in your car because they were so big. Skateboard. Skateboarding. Leisure suits.

Oh my. I'm glad those are gone. 1980s. Pac-Man. Rubik's Cube. Leg warmers. And you rolled up the sleeves on your jackets in the 80s.

90s. Beanie Babies. Furby. Pokemon. Jelly Belly Jelly Beans. Those were good. Fanny Packs.

[2 : 17] Oh. Those were tacky then and they're still tacky now. So there's a lot of things that we could remember from the past now. It's 2018.

And things are moving on. But we may be like the older couple who were having trouble remembering things. So they went to their doctor and they told their doctor what was going on. That they were having trouble remembering some things. So the doctor checks them out completely top to bottom. And then he meets back with them and he says physically you're fine. He said but you may want to consider making lists to help you remember things. And so they said thank you doctor. And they went home.

Well later that evening they were watching TV. And the husband gets up to go to the kitchen. And his wife says honey where are you going? He says well I'm going to the kitchen.

[3 : 18] And she said will you get me a bowl of ice cream? And he said sure. And she said honey you better write it down. Because you might forget.

He says no I won't forget. And she says while you're in the kitchen I want strawberries on top. Now you better write that down so you don't forget.

And he says no I can remember that. Ice cream and strawberries. And then she said well while you're at it go ahead and add some whipped cream. But I know you're going to forget.

So write it down. So he says I can remember that. So he fumes into the kitchen. Twenty minutes later he comes out and he hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.

She looks at the plate. And she said I knew you would mess it up. You forgot my toast. So remembering things sometimes is important.

[4 : 29] And sometimes we may need to write things down in order to help us remember things. And it is important that sometimes we need to make ourselves notes and some reminders.

It is important that we remember birthdays. It is important that we remember certain things. The Bible is full of calls to remember.

Back in Exodus 12.3 there was a call to remember the Passover. John chapter, excuse me Joshua chapter 4 and verses 1 through 9.

The 12 memorial stones that were taken out of the Jordan. Deuteronomy 9.7 to remember that God's people had provoked the Lord in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy chapter 24 verse 9. Miriam's leprosy says, Remember what the Lord God did unto Miriam by the way. After that you will come forth out of Egypt.

[5 : 30] Luke 17.32 talks about remember Lot's wife. Hebrews 10.32 God's people, believers were persecuted for their faith.

It says, And also never let us forget those who have served our country.

Those who have sacrificed their time. And many who sacrificed their lives for our country. And that is what we are remembering today on November 11th.

And I know many places business will be closed tomorrow. But today is officially Veterans Day. And also that we not forget the work of Christ.

2 Timothy 2.8. Remember that Jesus was raised from the dead. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead. According to my gospel.

[6 : 38] And to forget the work of Christ. If we forget what Christ has done. It is. It will. Which is in fact the focal point of our beliefs.

Is to. Will lead to an anemic faith. Or worse yet. No faith at all. So we must remember. The work of Christ. And what he has done.

Let's take a look this morning. In 1 Corinthians. Chapter 11. And verses 23. Through 33. As we remember.

We remember what the Lord Jesus Christ. Sacrificed. On our account. 1 Corinthians 11. 23. For I received from the Lord.

That which. Here is the Apostle Paul talking. That which I also delivered to you. That the Lord Jesus. On the same night. Which he was betrayed. Took bread.

[7 : 32] And when he had given thanks. He broke it. And said. Take eat. This is my body. Which is broken for you. Do this. In remembrance. Of me.

In the same manner. He also took the cup. After supper. Saying. This cup. Is the new covenant. In my blood. This do. As often as you drink it. In remembrance.

Of me. For as often. As you eat this bread. And drink this cup. You proclaim the Lord's death. Till he comes. Therefore. Whoever eats this bread.

Or drinks this cup. Of the Lord. In an unworthy manner. Will be guilty of the body. And blood of the Lord. But let a man. Examine himself. And so. Let him eat. Of the bread.

And drink. Of the cup. For he who eats. And drinks. In an unworthy manner. Eats. And drinks. Judgment to himself. Not discerning. The Lord's body.

[8 : 27] For this reason. Many are weak. And sick. Among you. And many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves. We would not be judged. But when we are judged.

We are chastened. By the Lord. That we may not be condemned. With the world. Therefore. My brethren. When you come together. To eat.

Wait. For. One. Another. So why. Are we. To remember. Why are we. Called to remember. So many times. In scripture. Well.

I believe. Number one. It helps us. To be thankful. For him. Just as remembering. Our veterans. Helps us. To be thankful. For them. And for their service.

Remembering. What Jesus Christ. Did on the cross. Helps us. To be thankful. For him. Because. The saying. Out of sight. Out of mind. If we. Don't continually.

[9 : 21] Have. Jesus Christ. Before us. As we're spending time. In his word. And as we are remembering. What he has done. For us. Then it will be. Much easier.

For us. To forget. His work. In our very own lives. Day by day. We. We don't. Partake. In. Communion.

Often enough. We could literally. Be doing it. Every week. We're not commanded. To do it. That often. We're not commanded. At all. How often.

To do it. Simply. As often. As you do this. Do it. In remembrance. Of me. It helps us. To be thankful. For him. Romans. Chapter 1. Verse 21.

Says. Because although. They. Knew God. This is talking about. People. In. This time. In his time. That. Even though. They knew.

[10:14] That God. Existed. They knew. About God. They didn't. Glorify him. As God. Nor. Were. Thankful. These were. Those who. Worship. Idols. These were. Those who.

Rejected. God. Nor. Were. Thankful. But. Became. Feudal. In their. Thoughts. And their. Foolish. Hearts. Were. Darkened. This is what. Happens. When people. Forget. God.

This is what. Happens. When people. Don't. Give. God. The. Proper. Place. In their. Life. And. In. The. World. Around us. And. This is why. We can. Look. Around us.

And. See. In America. The reason. Why. We are. Seeing. The. Man's. Inhumanity. To man. This is why. We're. Seeing. All.

Of. The. The. Difficulties. That. We're. Seeing. Today. Is. Because. God's. Not. Being. Revered. God. Is. Not. Being. Honored. People. Are. Not. Following. God. As. The. Creator. Of. The. Universe. People. Are. Not.

[11:07] Following. Jesus. There. Is. Nothing. That.

Has. Been. Chained. Has. Changed. Their. Mind. And. Glorified. Their. Their. Minds. And. So. We. Are. To. Remember. In. Order. To. Be. Thankful. And. Also.

Remembering. Removes. Doubts. Of. What. God's. Done. For. Us. It. Removes. Doubts. Of. The. Love. That. God. Show. Toward. Us. And. Jesus. Manifested.

Toward. Us. On. The. Cross. It. Reminds. Us. And. It. Removes. All. Doubts. Of. His. Love. And. His. Power. Because. If. Jesus. Was. Willing. To. Go. To. That. Degree.

And. He. Was. Willing. To. Give. His. Very. Own. Life. For. Us. Then. It. Removes. All. Doubt. That. He. Loves. So. No. One. Can. Say. Well. God. Doesn't. Love. Me. I'm. Unlovable.

[12:01] Jesus. Did. This. For. Us. We. See. In. Genesis. Chapter. Three. Verse. One. That. If. That. If. We. Forget. It. Can. Lead. To.

Problems. Genesis. Three. Verse. One. Now. The. Serpent. Was. More. Cunning. Than. Any. Beast. Of. The. Field. Which. The. Lord. God. Had. Made. Now. What. Had. God. Said. What. Had. God. Told.

Man. In. The. Garden. Don't. Do. This. Don't. Eat. Of. The. Tree. Of. The. Knowledge. Of. Good. And. Evil. For.

In. The. Day. That. You. Eat. It. He. Said. Surely. You're. Going. To. Die. And. So. Eve. Obviously. Had. Not. Remember. Specifically.

What. God. Had. Said. Because. The. Beast. Excuse me. The. Serpent. Said. To. The. Woman. Has. God. Indeed. Said. You. Shall. Not. Eat. Of. Every. Tree. Of. The. Garden. And.

[12:55] She's. Probably. Thinking. To. Herself. Well. I. Don't. Know. I. Don't. Know. If. He. Really. Meant. That. Or. What. Did. He. Mean. By. That. Then. He. Goes. On. To. Say. Isn't. It. Beautiful. To. Look. At. And. And. Then. She. Ends.

Up. Taking. A. Bite. Of. The. Fruit. Israel. Also. Forgot. God. What. Happened. To. Israel. Forty. Years. In. The. Wilderness. Israel. Forgets. God.

What. Happens. They're. Taking. They're. Taking. Into. Captivity. Over. And. Over. And. Over. Again. And. Remembering. Reminds. Us. Of. His. Promise.

And. Reminds. Us. Of. His. Work. Also. What. Does. Remembering. Do. Remembering. Keeps. Fresh. The. Cost. When.

We. Remember. Our. Veterans. It. Helps. To. Remind. Us. The. Cost. That. Was. Paid. The. Price. That. Was. Paid. For.

[13:49] Not. Only. Our. Freedom. But. For. The. Freedom. Of. Many. Of. Those. Who. Were. Oppressed. Around. The. World. When. We. Forget. We. Forget. The. Cost. So.

We. Remember. And. Also. When. We. Remember. What. Jesus. Christ. Did. For. Us. It. Helps. Us. To. Remember. What. It. Took. To. Pay. For. Our. Salvation. Now. We. Know. That.

Salvation. Is. Free. To. Us. It. Is. Freely. Given. It. Is. Given. As. A. Gift. As. And. It. Is. Appropriated. Through. Faith. And. It. Is. By. Grace. Through. Faith.

That. We. Have. Salvation. But. We. Remember. The. Cost. And. The. Cost. Was. The. Very. Life. Of. Jesus. Christ. So. That's.

Why. We. Have. In. Order. To. Remember.

[14:42] In. Order. To. Keep. Fresh. In. Our. Mind. The. Cost. And. The. Price. That. Was. Paid. Not. Only. For. Our. Personal. Freedom. As. Americans. But.

Also. We. Remember. What. Jesus. Christ. Did. On. The. Cross. For. Our. Freedom. That. We. Have. In. Christ. And. We. Are. Able. To. Say.

No. To. Because. It. Reminds. Us. Of. What. Jesus.
Christ. Did. For. Us. And. We. Need. As. A. Nation. To. Bring. God. Back. To. His. Place. Or. The.
Place.
Where. He. Belongs. The. Proper. Place. In. Our. Lives. We. Need. To. Be. As. God's. People. Be.
Vocal. And. Letting. Others. Around. Us. Know. That. We. Serve.
[15:40] The. For. It. Is. The. Power. Of. God. And. To. Salvation. To. Everyone. Who. Believes.
To. The. Jew. First. Also. To. The. Greek. So. Wherever. We. Are. We. Shouldn't. Be. Ashamed.
That. God. Is. Real. God. Is. In. Control. And. When. People. Ask. Wow. Why. Are. Things.
Happening. The. Way. They. Are. Happening. And. The.
Answer. Is. Not. Getting. Different. People. Elected. Also. Although. We. Know. That. We. Need.
To. Be. Voting. For. Those. Who. Are. Righteous. And. Those. Who. Will. Stand. For. What. Is.
Right. But. The. Answer. Is.
Jesus. Christ. And. Those. Who. Know. Christ. As. Their. Savior. He. Will. Change. Their. Lives.
And. So. We. know that the answer is God now it doesn't mean we go and we we we judge
everyone and we you know thump the Bible and say this is and and and necessarily preach on all
the street corners although that would get the message out it is I believe with those that we have
influence that we are able to say this is what God's Word says everything that's happening today
the Bible says things are going to get worse there will be wars there will be rumors of wars people
are going to be evil is going to be rampant and people are going to be doing the things that they're
doing today to one another and it will only get worse and so we need to bring God back to
remembrance also it helps us as we remember in overcoming temptation do you remember how did
Jesus overcome temptation what did he do has not has not God said God's Word says it is it is it not
written and so as we remember we remember scripture that's why in Awana we have our our
children our young people memorize God's Word because in that day of temptation when the time
comes and when we have the opportunity to share the gospel it will be in our memory and we will
be able to recite it God's
Holy Spirit will be able to use it so remembering helps us in overcoming temptation Matthew
chapter 4 talks about that also we need to remember so many things what God has done for us
specifically what God has done for us corporately and for what God has done and is continuing to
do for mankind and as we continue with this this morning we will approach the Lord's table but
before we do let's spend some time in prayer our father this morning thank you for helping us to
remember thank you for calling to our remembrance the things that in your word that are important
and as we prepare to to come and celebrate the Lord's Supper as we celebrate using the the juice
and the bread to remember what our Lord and Savior accomplished for us on the cross of Calvary
help us this morning to remember we pray this in Jesus name amen you to you you you