

FORGETFULNESS TO FAITHFULNESS

I want to invite you into a season of remembrance this Spring. Each month we will share thirty-one things to remember together. Life is challenging right now, so we need to keep it simple and remember the main things. This month I wanted to start by sharing my personal list of truths that I seek to remember by faith each day. I encourage you to print them out to rehearse them along with me. Maybe print out two and share with a friend. On the final page, I want to encourage you to make your own list.

SPIRITUAL AMNESIA:

We are prone to wandering, distraction, and forgetfulness. We are all suffering from spiritual amnesia. It doesn't take much to forget; it's the default of our mind and heart. Forgetfulness is not a personality problem but rather a sin problem. Sin breaks all things, including our capacity to remember and think biblically. Spiritual amnesia should lead us to repentance and faith. The Lord is gracious to transform a repentant heart into a remembering heart.

REMEMBER TO REMEMBER:

To remember something is to intentionally consider, be mindful, or call attention to something. To ponder or delight in something requires stopping, noticing the dimensions, and treasuring its value. I think learning to engage in Covenant remembrance engages both the head and the heart. Actively, intentionally, and affectionately reflecting on Him. Rehearsing, recalling, and enjoying the Story of His glory.

REHEARSING THE GOSPEL:

Remember the gospel and preach it yourself are daily invitations to sing. This Gospel rehearsal takes place moment by moment, in the highest highs and the lowest lows. Because of the Fall, we will need to continue to rehearse the gospel over and over again until we get Home. Just like growing in your proficiency as a singer, the more you rehearse, the easier and sweeter it is to sing the gospel. We are part of a gospel chorus. We were never designed for singing a solo. When we stumble or forget, we can tune our hearts to sing His grace and listen to those around us, who echo back to us what is true.

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READ:

Take time to read His Word daily and hide it in your heart, so it is close at hand when you forget.

REFLECT:

Be still and reflect on what God is teaching you. You may want to record those reflections in a journal or reflect them back to your Father in prayer.

REPENT:

The Spirit is gracious to convict us of our sin, and the Good Shepherd lovingly pursues us when we wander. Spend time in prayer repenting of your forgetful and wandering ways.

REMEMBER:

Seek practical ways to remember God's truth. Follow the children of Israel and post His truths on your doorposts, mirror, or over the kitchen sink. Be intentional to find ways to remember the content of the gospel in the context of community. Remembering together strengthens our vertical and horizontal unity.

REENTER:

Remembering leads to reentering your walk by faith. Our Christian journey is a daily invitation to keep in step with the Spirit.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER

"The Christ in you is stronger than the Christ in me. I need to hear the gospel from you from another actual human because even though I am doing my part to preach the gospel to myself daily, sometimes it does not stick until someone else verbally tells me the same."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

