

Service of Remembrance

Realities

Grief can be a good thing.

Grief is often a long journey.

Remembering may stir grief but helps our focus.

Remembering and forgetting

Do you like being remembered?

Scripture commands us to remember things and warns about forgetting others.

Why remember?

1. It can warn us of dangers (Deut 9:7)
2. It can spur our obedience and fuel encouragement and growth (Deut 4:9; Rev 2:5)
3. It encourages our perseverance (Heb 11)
4. It revitalizes the impact of worthy examples (Heb 13:7; Ac 20:31)

The value of Remember, Reflect, Recalibrate

5. It's part of God's design for our worship (Ps 111:1-4)

6. It fuels our hope for eternity (1 Thes 4:13)

Good News (when God remembers)

Our sins no more (Heb 8:12)

Noah (Gen 8:1)

Abraham (Gen. 19:29)

Rachel (Gen 30:22)

His covenant (Ex 2:24; Lu 1:54, 72)

Knowing that God remembers is a mark of hope and new possibilities.

Remembering our loved ones who died in Christ, we have:

Hope (1 Thes 4:13)

We have the promise of reunion (1 Thes 4:13-17)

Comfort (1 Thes 4:18; 2 Cor 1; Ps 30:11)

Compassion (Heb 4:15-16)

Forgetfulness leads to exile while remembrance is the secret to redemption.

Take it home