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**REMEMBRANCE
& CELEBRATION**

6-WEEK SPIRITUAL PRACTICES SERIES



6. Remembrance and Celebration

Spiritual Practices
6 week series

"Lest we forget"

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We take photos to capture those special moments

We want to relive those memories in our library of albums

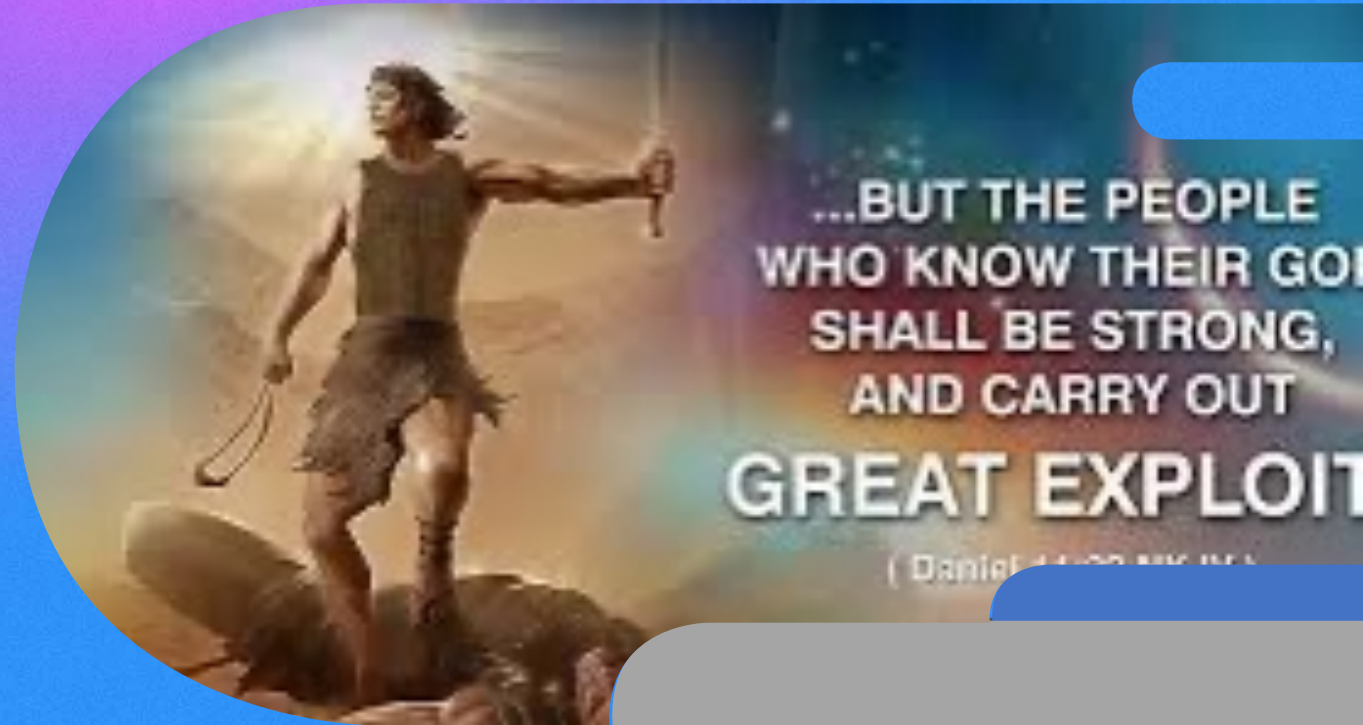
- Your loved ones - Those who we cherish
- Graduation day
- Birthdays
- Engagement/ Wedding anniversaries
- When our favorite footy team wins
- The birth of your child .
- The day you invited Jesus into your heart
- Baptism day
- Independence/Freedom day – V day

Remembrance

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

Our thoughts invokes certain emotions and feelings. Is also the battleground for spiritual warfare – Psalms 77:1-20

- Psalms 135:13 Your name, O Lord, is everlasting, Your remembrance, O Lord, throughout all generations..
- Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.



The benefits of Remembrance

- Strength - Daniel 11: 32 "the people who know their God will display strength and take action"
- Help and Mercy- Habakkuk 3:2 I have heard all about you, LORD. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy..
- Hope - Psalms 119:49 Remember your promise to me, your servant; it has given me hope.
- New Covenant - Luke 22:20 Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood

The benefits of Remembrance

- Past faithfulness - Psalms 77:11 But then I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.
- Unfailing love - Psalms 77:11 I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.
God with us - Matthew 28:20 . teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- Jesus is coming back again- John 14:28 Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am.

Celebration – root word in Hebrew is sachaq: to laugh

Richard Foster on celebration

- 'It's celebration that fuels our journey along the way through the struggles and trials' Richard Foster tells us that the discipline of celebration is central to all the other disciplines: 'Without a joyful spirit of festivity the Disciplines become dull, death-breathing tools in the hands of modern Pharisees.'*



Celebration – Continue

- Exodus 12:14 Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.
- Psalms 104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- 2 Samuel 6:14 So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. After the men who were carrying the Ark of the LORD had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.



When was the last time you celebrated with all of your heart soul and mind?

Renew Your **Mind**

Rejuvenate Your **Body**

Refresh Your **Soul**

Reconnect Your **Heart**



Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." Matthew 22:37



The benefits of Celebration

- Joy and delight - Psalms 47:1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- Strength to Live - Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.
- Antidote for sadness, depression, oppression, - Psalms 30:11 You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,.
- Thanksgiving and gratefulness of heart - Psalms 100:4-5 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting , And His truth endures to all generations.

The benefits of Celebration

- Victory we have in Christ Jesus - 2 Corinthians 2:14 "But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume."
- Future Hope – Revelations 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready
- Peace of God - Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Take a moment to consider

- Do you lack the excitement and joy when you worshipping the Lord?
- Is your mind only fill with memories of negative stuff instead of remembering who God is and what He has promise us?
 - *Revelations 3:15-17 " ..."I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! 16But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see...."*
- Do you know, Sunday worship is an opportunity to apply the spiritual discipline of Remembrance and Celebration