

# WHAT WE MUST NEVER FORGET TO REMEMBER

## 9/11 COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

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*"Remember the past... You endured a lot of hardship and pain."  
(Hebrews 10:32, GW)*

## WHY GOD WANTS US TO LOOK BACK

### 1. TO COMMEMORATE OUR PAST.

*"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come...—a lasting ordinance." (Exodus 12:14, NIV)*

### 2. TO STIMULATE OUR PERSPECTIVE.

*"Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom." (Psalm 90:12, NLT)*

### 3. TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PROMISE.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV)*

## WHAT 9/11 TAUGHT US

*"Apply these lessons from the past..."  
(Isaiah 42:23, The Living Bible)*

### 1. THAT GOD SHOWS UP IN OUR DARKEST HOURS.

*"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." (Psalm 34:18, NLT)*

### 2. THAT FAITH AND LOVE ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE TOWERS.

**FAITH** says,

*"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." (Romans 8:38, NLT)*

**LOVE** says,

*“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”  
(1 Corinthians 13:13, NLT)*

**3. THAT GOD USES TRAGEDY AS HIS GREATEST TRANSFORMING POWER.**

*“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.” (Proverbs 20:30, GNB)*

*“What you meant for evil, God turned into good...” (Genesis 50:20 TLB/NLT)*

*“For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God’s goodness into us!” (2 Corinthians 5:21, The Living Bible)*

**ACTION**  
**BAPTISM / CLASS 101**