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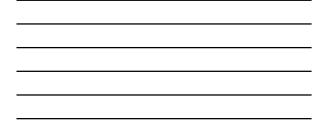
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Many of us have to be reintroduced to God over and over, as though we have forgotten who He is and what He has done.

Isaiah 46:1 (CSB)

Bel crouches; Nebo cowers. Idols depicting them are consigned to beasts and cattle. The images you carry are loaded, as a burden for the weary animal.

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Isaiah 46:2 (CSB)

The gods cower; they crouch together; they are not able to rescue the burden, but they themselves go into captivity.

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1) Remember: Idols of the heart lead to <u>amnesia</u> of the soul.

Deuteronomy 4:23 (CSB)

Be careful **not to forget** the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you, and **make an idol for yourselves** in the shape of anything he has forbidden you.

Hosea 13:4-6 (CSB)

⁴I have been the LORD your God ever since the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and no Savior exists besides me.

⁵ I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.

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Hosea 13:4-6 (CSB) ⁶ When they had pasture, they became *satisfied*; they were satisfied, and their hearts became *proud*. Therefore *they forgot me*.

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2) Remember: Worldly <u>amenities</u> lead to spiritual amnesia.

Isaiah 46:3 (CSB)

"Listen to me, house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been sustained from the womb, *carried along since birth*."

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Deuteronomy 1:31 (CSB) And you saw in the wilderness how the LORD your **God carried you** as a man carries his son all along the way you traveled until you reached this place.

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Psalm 28:9 (CSB) Save your people, bless your possession, shepherd them, and *carry them* forever.

Exodus 19:4 (CSB)

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I *carried you* on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

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3) Remember: God <u>carries</u> his people all along.

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Isaiah 46:4 (CSB)

"I will be the same until your *old age*, and I will *bear you up* when you turn gray. I have made you, and I will carry you; I will bear and rescue you."

Isaiah 46:5-7 (CSB)

⁵ "To whom will you compare me or make me equal? Who will you measure me with, so that we should be like each other?

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Isaiah 46:5-7 (CSB)

⁶ Those who pour out their bags of gold and weigh out silver on scales— they hire a goldsmith and *he makes it into a god*. Then they kneel and bow down to it.

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Isaiah 46:5-7 (CSB)

⁷ They lift it to their shoulder and *bear it* along; they set it in its place, and there it stands; it does not budge from its place. They cry out to it but it doesn't answer; it saves no one from his trouble." **Isaiah 46:8 (CSB)** "Remember this and be *brave*; take it to heart, you *transgressors*!"

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Isaiah 46:9 (CSB) "Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me."

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Isaiah 46:10 (CSB)

"I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and *I will do all my will*." 4) Remembering what God has already done gives us faith to trust in what He is <u>yet to do</u>.

5) God does not <u>predict</u> the future, he is already <u>there</u> in the future.

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Isaiah 43:14-19 (CSB)

¹⁴ This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says:...

¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

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Isaiah 43:14-19 (CSB)

¹⁷ who brings out the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty one together (they lie down, they do not rise again; they are extinguished, put out like a wick)—

Isaiah 43:14-19 (CSB)

¹⁸ "Do not remember the past events; pay no attention to things of old.
¹⁹ Look, *I am about to do something new*; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

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We must expect God's character to remain the same, but not the way in which His Spirit moves.

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Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. An artist can finish a painting. A baker can finish making a cake. An author can finish writing a book. But a farmer's work is never done!

6) We cannot let past victories become today's <u>complacency</u>.

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Psalm 77:11-15 (CSB)

¹¹ I will remember the LORD's works; yes, I will remember your ancient wonders.
¹² I will reflect on all you have done and meditate on your actions.
¹³ God, your way is holy.
What god is great like God?

Psalm 77:11-15 (CSB)

¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you revealed your strength among the peoples.
¹⁵ With power you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

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God who created the heavens and the earth, who created life out of nothing, there is no one like You.

We remember Your great works from eternity past to eternity future.

We remember the great works of Your Spirit in your people across time.

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We remember the great works You have done at Hopewell.

But now we ask that You would pour out Your Spirit in a fresh way upon us today. Please bring us a place of true revival. Awaken our hearts out of slumber and give us an ache for Your Holy presence.

Convict us of our sin, compel us to love others, and fill us every day with the power of Your Spirit to speak life and truth into the world around us.

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May Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

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