When we look at the Bible... We are commanded to "Remember"

Deuteronomy 32:7 *Remember* the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.

 Psalm 77:11-12 (NIV)
 I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
 <sup>12</sup> I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

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Psalm 78:4

(NLT)

We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders.

Psalm 22:30 (NLT) Our children will also serve Him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.



Matthew 16:9-10

Do you still not understand?

Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? <sup>10</sup> Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?

(NIV)



#### 2 Peter 3:1-3

This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory.

(NLT)

<sup>2</sup> I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.

<sup>3</sup> Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.



Isaiah 43:18-19

(NIV)

Forget (don't remember) the former things; do not dwell on the past.
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.



Isaiah 43:18-19 But the LORD says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. <sup>19</sup> Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.

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Philippians 3:13-14

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it,

(NLT)

- but I focus on this one thing:
- Forgetting the past and looking [reaching-straining] forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the
- heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.



#### Hebrews 12:1-2

(NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Isaiah 43:25

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(NASB)

I, I alone, am the one who wipes out your wrongdoings for My own sake, And I will not "remember" your sins.



The first stream is what God has done... We are commanded to Remember and remind each other of these things. We are commanded to Tell the next generation of the deeds and wonder of our God!

The second stream is what hinders us... We are commanded to forget and not cling to ... the things that will hinder us from Running the Race marked out For Us by God Himself.

The first stream of remembering... Propels us into our calling our destiny... Who we were created to be and become. The second stream of remembering... Hinders us and binds us and confines us to a past of what we were... not who we are and can become.

In the first steam of remembering-Our eyes are fixed on Jesus... In the second stream of remembering-Our eyes are fixed on us...

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

## Next Week: Becoming Family: Communion