



**Remember - Go
Deuteronomy 32:1-14**

Moses wrote a song at the end of his life when the Israelites were about to enter the promised land. In his speech to the Israelites, Moses had already challenged them 15 times to “remember.” He tells them again in his song.

Remember God is our Rock (32:1-4)

Rock is an appropriate metaphor for God. Everything in life changes every day. And while generations, nations, technology, and fads all come and go God never changes. Hebrews 13:8 states, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” The specific trait of God that Moses was going to sing about would bring comfort and nourishment to the soul to the Israelites like gentle rain or dew.

Remember Our Past (32:5-9)

The Israelites to whom Moses spoke were the children of the generation who had rebelled and disobeyed God and forfeited the promised land. They had wandered the desert for 40 years until they all died. So, Moses tells their children to remember how they had been a “devious and crooked generation.” It’s a warning to act differently. Our personal past is filled with good and bad moments. We remember the good and continue those. We remember the bad, learn from them and don’t repeat our sins and mistakes. As a church, it’s helpful to remember the people who have come before us. We wouldn’t have what we have without them. We continue their legacy by following God in obedience. Today we especially thank those who made this sanctuary renovation possible.

Remember God’s Faithfulness (32:10-14)

The next verse of Moses’ song recounts how God lovingly, and gently chose and cared for His people. Although God’s people had rebelled and God described them as devious and crooked, God didn’t abandon them. He loved them and cared for them. He protected them and provided for them in a desert for 40 years. When we remember how God has been faithful in the past, it gives us confidence in the present God will be faithful now.

Go (The Book of Joshua)

Moses didn’t tell the people to remember so they would go back to Egypt or stay in the desert. He wanted them to remember the past to get a perspective of where they were in the present moment so they could GO and conquer the enemies in the promised land. The same is true for us as a church today. The past got us to where we are today. The sanctuary renovation has given us the tools to do ministry for the next generation. So now we must GO and do God’s work to grow His church and His kingdom!