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In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption

"Remember These Things—Bring These Things to Mind"

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts (TLV): Is 44:21-28; *Isaiah*. 39:5-7; 40:1, 27, 31; 42:8-9; 44:2-8, 22-24; *Ezra* 1:2-6

As Isaiah 44 comes to a close, the Lord keeps circling back to one steady command: **remember**. Bring it to mind. Don't let your present circumstances define the story. He has already shown that He declares things before they happen (Is. 42:8-9), and He had already warned Judah about exile (Is. 39:5-7). So when chapter 40 begins with comfort, it's not denial—it's fulfillment. The exile wasn't a surprise to God, and neither would the restoration be.

All around this section, God has been exposing the absurdity of idols—human-made objects that cannot speak, save, or foresee anything. Meanwhile, He stands alone as the One who knows the end from the beginning (Is. 44:6-8). The contrast is sharp: the nations shape their gods; Israel's God shaped them. And in that setting, the Lord says to His people, "Remember these things." Not as nostalgia—but as survival.

1. Remember Who You Are—You Are My Servant, and You Are Not Forgotten

In Is. 44:21, the Lord speaks with emphasis: you are My servant. I formed you. You are not forgotten. That repetition matters. In exile, the lie creeps in: "My way is hidden from the Lord" (Is. 40:27). But God answers that lie with identity. You are Mine. I shaped you from the womb (Is. 43:1; 44:2). **Exile may redefine your address, but it does not redefine your belonging.**

This is deeply relational. The nations form idols in their own image, but Israel is formed by God Himself. And when fear rises, the Lord reminds them that He walks with them through waters and fire (Is. 43:1-2). Remembering who you are means remembering *whose* you are. You may feel forgotten—but you have not been forgotten. When your emotions tell you that you are unseen or sidelined, anchor yourself again in this truth: your identity is defined by the One who formed you, not by the season you're walking through.

2. Remember Who He Is—He Blots Out, He Redeems, and He Calls You Home

The Lord then anchors remembrance in His character. In Is. 44:22, He calls Israel to return because He has already blotted out their transgressions. The imagery speaks of rebellion that once covered them like a canopy—but God has wiped it away. This is not reluctant mercy; it flows from who He is (Is. 43:25). He is the One who chooses not to remember their sins.

And because He has acted, He invites them to act: return. Come home. The redemption language is perfect tense—it reflects what He has done, what He continues to do, and what He will yet complete. He promises to pour out His Spirit, bringing discernment and life where there was dryness (Is. 44:2-5). Remembering who He is restores clarity. It lifts the fog. It reminds us that the One calling us back is Redeemer, not accuser. If you've been holding back because of guilt or failure, stop rehearsing what God has already erased—turn back to Him and walk in the freedom He has already secured.

3. Remember What He Has Spoken—He Does New Things With Specificity, and He Keeps His Word.

From there, the tone shifts to celebration. Creation itself is summoned to sing because the Lord has redeemed Jacob and will reveal His glory through Israel (Is. 44:23). He alone is Maker of heaven and earth (Is. 44:24). He frustrates false voices and empty predictions while establishing the word of His servants (Is. 44:25–26). The world’s “wisdom” collapses; His word stands.

Then comes the stunning specificity: Jerusalem will be rebuilt, the depths will dry up, and Cyrus—named in advance—will accomplish His purpose (Is. 44:26–28). History later records exactly that (Ezr. 1:1–4). The point isn’t merely prediction; it’s reassurance. The God who spoke exile also spoke restoration. And the return from Babylon becomes a preview—a small-scale promise that He will ultimately bring His people out of every exile. When the noise of culture feels louder than the voice of God, choose to stand on what He has spoken—because trends shift, but His word remains.

CONCLUSION:

So the Lord says again: remember. When you feel unseen, remember who you are. When shame lingers, remember who He is. When confusion rises, remember what He has spoken. Stop grazing on ashes. Stop trusting what cannot save. Lift your eyes from what human hands can make and return to the One who made you.

If you’ve been living as though forgotten, hear this clearly: you are not. If you’ve been standing at a distance because of failure, return. He has already made a way. Lay down the false securities, the voices that promise comfort without truth, and come home. Remember these things—and let remembering move you back into trust.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Where do you most feel the tension of Is. 40:27—believing your way is hidden from the Lord?
2. How does remembering that God formed you reshape your sense of identity (Is. 44:21)?
3. What does “returning” to the Lord look like practically in this season (Is. 44:22)?
4. Why do you think God ties redemption so closely to His own character (Is. 43:25)?
5. How does the naming of Cyrus strengthen your confidence in God’s promises (Is. 44:28)?

CLOSING PRAYER:

ADONAI we bring these things to mind today. You are Adonai—there is no other. You formed us. You shaped us. You have not forgotten us. Forgive us for the places where we’ve looked to the work of our own hands, the voices of this world, the “omens” and the empty promises, instead of turning our face toward You. Thank You that You blot out transgression, that You choose not to remember our sins, and that You call us home because You have redeemed us. So today we return to You. We lay down self-dependence and false comforts. Pour water on the thirsty places in us. Pour Your Spirit on us again—give us discernment that sprouts like grass, like willows by flowing streams. Restore our identity as Your servants, and let Your glory be seen through Your people. And in the middle of every exile place, teach us to remember: we are Yours, and we are not forgotten. *B’Shem Yeshua*, In the name of Yeshua, amen.