

We are so forgetful.

Slide 3. Introduction

God Never Forgets.

Humanity is very forgetful.

Things we don't want to forget, we have little problem forgetting.

Things we want to forget we cannot.

What can we do to reduce forgetting what's important?

Slide 4. [Gen 27:43-45 KJV] 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; 44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; 45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget [that] which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

Slide 5. God Never Forgets.

[Deu 4:31 KJV] 31 (For the LORD thy God [is] a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

[Isa 49:15 KJV] 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

God warns and reminds his people about Consequences.

Slide 6. [Psa 9:17 KJV] 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God.

Slide 6. [Deu 8:19 KJV] 19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

[Psa 50:22 KJV] 22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear [you] in pieces, and [there be] none to deliver.

God Reminds us of Our Relationship with Him and Others.

Slide 7. [Deu 9:7 KJV] 7 Remember, [and] forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

[Heb 13:16 KJV] 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

[Heb 13:16 NLT] 16 And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Humans are so forgetful. God knows it too.

Slide 8. [Exo 32:1 KJV] 1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods,

which shall go before us; for [as for] this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Slide 9. It wasn't Moses who brought them out of Egypt. [Exo 32:1 NKJV] 1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; **for [as for] this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.**"

Slide 10. [Act 17:10-11 KJV] 10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming [thither] went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Slide 11. Aaron made a Golden Calf because he and the people forgot what the Living God did for them. (Aaron had been with Moses and saw the power and glory of God displayed.)

Slide 12. Pressure from the people and fear of what had happened to Moses caused Aaron to forget. [Exo 32:3-4 KJV] 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which [were] in their ears, and brought [them] unto Aaron. 4 And he received [them] at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These [be] thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Slide 13. Things we don't want to forget, we forget.

[Deu 8:19 KJV] 19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. **(Don't lose your focus on the Lord.)**

[Deu 8:19 NLT] 19 "But I assure you of this: If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed.

Slide 14. The Butler Forgot. [Gen 40:9, 13, 21, 23 KJV] 9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine [was] before me; ... 13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. ... 21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: ... 23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Slide 15. Things we want to forget we cannot Forget.

We keep reliving the past in our minds and it gets ugly.

Joseph's brothers could not forget what they done to their brother after the truth came out.

[Gen 50:15-20 KJV] 15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the

God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we [be] thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for [am] I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; [but] God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as [it is] this day, to save much people alive.

Slide 16. Joseph had told them 5 chapters earlier. [Gen 45:4-5 KJV] 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I [am] Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

Slide 17&18. What do you keep reliving over and over? What can you simply not get over?

Is it what someone did to you?

Is it what you did to someone else?

Put it under the Blood of Christ.

Slide 19. We must continue to be active and on guard. We are in a war.

[Deu 4:9, 23 KJV] 9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; ... 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, [or] the likeness of any [thing], which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

Slide 20. Satan wants you to forget the things of God and remember your mistakes. Two Favorite Lies He Uses (Temptation and Accusation)

[Mat 13:19 KJV] 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth [it] not, then cometh the wicked [one], and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

[Rev 12:10 KJV] 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

What can we do to reduce forgetfulness?

Slide 21. [Psa 78:7 KJV] 7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Sometimes we can get off track completely. Here are some reminders.

Slide 22. Remember The Resurrection Will Happen.

1Co 15:26-31 NLT] 29 If the dead will not be raised, what point is there in people being baptized for those who are dead? Why do it unless the dead will someday rise again? 30 And why should we ourselves risk our lives hour by hour? 31 For I swear, dear brothers and sisters, that **I face death daily**. This is as certain as my pride in what Christ Jesus our Lord has done in you.

[Pro 27:1 NKJV] 1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

[Jas 4:13-14 NKJV] 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what [will happen] tomorrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Communicate Daily with the Lord (Two-way).

Slide 23. [Psa 5:1-9, 11-12 KJV] 1 **[[To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.]]**
Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. 2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct [my prayer] unto thee, and will look up. 4 For thou [art] not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, I will come [into] thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: [and] in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. 9 For [there is] no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part [is] very wickedness; their throat [is] an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. ... 11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. 12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as [with] a shield.

Slide 24. **God answers prayer and teaches us.** [Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Thank God for the Reminders. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, & Every Sunday and Wednesday.

Slide 25. [Gen 9:14-15 NKJV] 14 "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 "and I will remember My covenant which [is] between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Slide 26. [Deu 16:1, 10, 13 KJV] 1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. ... 10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give [unto the LORD thy God], according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: ... 13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: