

# WE REMEMBER

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*Deuteronomy 8:1-20*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMORY

Memorial Day

Pastoral Testimonies

SANKOFA-“Looking Backwards in Order to Move Forward”

### HOW MEMORY CAN BE A HINDRANCE...CURSE...MISUSED...ABUSED

Looking Back with Enjoyment

“Sinful Affections”-St. Francis DeSales (1608)

Looking Back with Shame and Despair

### HOW MEMORY CAN BE A HELP...BLESSING...USEFUL

Story of the Israelites in the Wilderness

“Do we own our possessions (and successes), or do they own us?” A.W. Tozer

The good we have experienced in life and the blessings you have experienced within this church...these are God’s provision, arising out of His compassion. These are not your “commission” for a job well done, as if you were collecting payment for your “productivity.”

### THE LORD’S TABLE

Remember and Be Thankful

Remember and Let the Memory Lead to Repentance and Renewed Commitment

Remember in Order to Be Made Wise

Remember to Have Hope and Confidence

(The Beauty of Christian Remembrance...it Merges with Hope)

*“Do this in remembrance of me, for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup (present), you proclaim the Lord’s death (past), until He comes again (future).”*  
I Cor. 11:26

The blessings of God and His care...if these were evident in your past...if they are alive in your present...how much greater will they be in your future in heaven with your Savior?

Why be obedient to the commands? Why give to God His due, which is our very all?

*Because we remember!*

**REMEMBER WHEN**

Remember when you wandered through a dry and barren land?

Remember how I led you and I held you by the hand?

Remember how I fed you when you hungered by the way?

Remember heavens manna like the dew, I gave by day?

The water from the rock that flowed to quench your longing thirst?

The shoes that never wore and lasted all of forty years?

The clothing that afforded you to walk without regret?

The comfort through provision, every need...divinely met?

The cloud that never left you, such assurance on the way,

that I was ever with you to sustain you day by day?

The visual-aided mercies that I lavished on you, great?

The love and tender-kindness given you...to navigate?

Oh surely, I have loved you with an everlasting love,

and given you provision and distinction from above.

To bear a holy name and be a people set apart,

inheriting a land to walk with undivided heart.

Remember when you wandered...

how I bore you on the way?

Remember that I love you when you think of yesterday.

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