



Remember the Way

Deuteronomy records Moses' words near the end of Israel's wilderness journey. Israel was preparing to enter the Promised Land.

Moses knew that a new season was approaching.

He also knew that a new season could bring a new danger. Israel could become so focused on the blessings ahead that they might forget the God who brought them there.

Therefore, Moses told Israel to remember.

“And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart.”

— Deuteronomy 8:2, KJV

The instruction was simple:

Remember the way, the wilderness, the manna, the provision, the lessons, and the God who remained faithful.

The same principle applies to us today. We may experience different seasons in life, but God remains faithful through every season.

1. Remember the God Who Sustained You

Deuteronomy 8:1–4 describes God's faithfulness during Israel's forty years in the wilderness.

God allowed Israel to experience hunger, but He provided manna.

Their clothing did not wear out.

Their feet did not swell.

God sustained His people through circumstances that should have been impossible to endure for so long.

Imagine wearing the same clothing and footwear for forty years. Israel did not have modern stores, washing machines, or new shoes waiting for them. Yet the Lord preserved what they had.

The wilderness was not comfortable, but the wilderness was not outside God's care.

Israel had to learn that God's provision was greater than their circumstances.

“Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.”

— Deuteronomy 8:3, KJV

Sometimes our wilderness looks different.

The wilderness may involve family struggles, financial pressure, difficult relationships, uncertainty about the future, or challenges in ministry and personal circumstances.

A wilderness season can make us ask, “How will I get through this?”

But look back and remember.

There were moments when the situation seemed impossible, but God made a way. Some prayers seemed delayed, but God remained present. There were seasons when we did not know what would happen next, but God carried us through.

The wilderness can become a testimony.

The place where we once cried can become the place where we learned to trust.

The season that tested our faith can become the season that strengthened our faith.

Remember the way.

Remember what God has already done.



Life Reflection

Take time to intentionally remember God's faithfulness. Think about specific moments when He provided, opened a door, answered a prayer, gave you strength, or carried you through something you could not have handled on your own.

Consider keeping a written record of God's faithfulness. When another difficult season comes, you can look back and remind yourself that the God who sustained you before is still with you.

1. What wilderness season has God already brought you through?
2. How did God provide for you during that season?
3. What have you learned about God's character through difficult circumstances?
4. How can remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your faith today?

2. Remember God When Life Becomes Good

The wilderness was difficult, but Canaan would be different.

Moses described the Promised Land as a place of abundance.

“For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills.”

— Deuteronomy 8:7, KJV

The land would provide food, water, crops, and resources.

Israel would experience abundance. However, Moses gave them a warning.

“Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes.”

— Deuteronomy 8:11, KJV

The danger was not only hardship but also prosperity.

Sometimes desperation pushes us toward God.

When the bank account is empty, the diagnosis is frightening, the situation seems impossible, and we need an answer, we seek God and pray.

But what happens when the prayer is answered?

What happens when the job comes?

What happens when the finances improve?

What happens when the family situation becomes peaceful?

What happens when we finally receive what we prayed for?

Moses warned Israel not to say:

“My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.”

— Deuteronomy 8:17, KJV

Instead:

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.”

— Deuteronomy 8:18, KJV

Our abilities are gifts from God.

Our opportunities are gifts from God.

Our strength comes from God.

Our talents can be used for God's purposes.

Even when we work hard, we should remember who gave us the ability to work.

Prosperity becomes dangerous when blessings replace the Blesser.

We should not seek God only because we need something from Him. We should seek God because He is God.

Remember the way.

When life is difficult, remember God.

When life is good, remember God.

When the prayer is unanswered, remember God.

When the prayer is answered, remember God.



Life Reflection

Make gratitude a regular part of your prayer life. Instead of only bringing requests to God, intentionally thank Him for His blessings, opportunities, abilities, relationships, and provision.

Ask yourself whether any blessing has begun to receive more of your attention than the One who gave it.

Is it easier for you to seek God when you are in need or when life is going well?

What blessings in your life could you be taking for granted?

How can you intentionally keep the Blessor greater than the blessing?

What is one thing you can thank God for today?

3. Do Not Let Blessings Become a Distraction

Jesus gave a serious warning concerning riches.

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”

— Matthew 19:24, KJV

Jesus was teaching about the danger of allowing possessions to control the heart.

Money itself is not the measure of a person's spiritual condition. The danger comes when material things become more important than God.

A person can become so focused on work that prayer becomes secondary.

A person can become so focused on business that the Word of God is neglected.

A person can become so comfortable that spiritual hunger disappears.

A person can become so occupied with entertainment that there is little time for fellowship with Jesus.

Therefore, let us desire something greater than earthly riches.

Let us be rich toward God.

Let our greatest treasure be Jesus Christ.

Life Application

Examine where your time, attention, energy, and resources are going. Consider whether anything—even something good—is beginning to crowd out prayer, God's Word, worship, or fellowship with Him.

Ask God to help you maintain spiritual hunger even when life is comfortable.

What occupies most of your time and attention?

Are there good things in your life that could become distractions from God?

What does being “rich toward God” look like in your daily life?

What is one practical change you could make to protect your spiritual hunger?

4. Remember Your Past So You Do Not Repeat It

Deuteronomy 9 reminds Israel of another important lesson.

Israel was about to cross the Jordan and possess the land. The nations they would encounter were stronger and more powerful than Israel. The Anakim were among the people Israel feared.

But Moses made something very clear.

Israel's victory would not be because Israel was inherently righteous.

Moses reminded them of their history:

“Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness.”

— Deuteronomy 9:7, KJV

Israel had repeatedly rebelled against God.

One of the greatest examples was the golden calf.



While Moses was on Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, Israel became impatient. The people asked Aaron to make them gods.

Aaron collected their gold and made a golden calf.

Israel worshipped the idol.

Moses eventually came down from the mountain and saw what the people had done. He broke the stone tablets containing the commandments.

“And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.”

— Deuteronomy 9:17, KJV

Exodus 32 records that Moses later destroyed the golden calf, ground it into powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.

The story is a powerful warning.

Rebellion has consequences.

Israel did not suddenly become rebellious in one moment. Their history shows a repeated pattern of forgetting, complaining, testing God, and turning away.

That should cause us to examine our own hearts.

We may not have a golden calf in our homes. However, anything that takes God's rightful place in our lives can become a spiritual distraction.

It could be career.

It could be entertainment.

It could be sports.

It could be relationships.

It could be business.

It could even be our smartphones.

The question is not whether these things exist.

The question is whether these things control us.

Are we giving God our first attention?

Are we making time for prayer?



Are we reading the Word of God?

Are we willing to fast?

Are we protecting our spiritual hunger?

Sometimes we wonder why we do not feel close to God. We should also ask whether we have allowed other things to consume the time and attention that belong to Him.

Life Reflection

Take an honest inventory of what receives your time and attention. Ask God to reveal anything that has begun to take His rightful place in your life.

Remembering past failures is not meant to keep us trapped in shame. It is meant to help us recognize patterns so we can avoid repeating them.

What patterns from your past have taught you important spiritual lessons?

Is there anything in your life that receives more attention than God?

How can you better protect your time for prayer, God's Word, and fasting?

What past failure can remind you of God's grace and the importance of obedience?

5. God Gives Another Opportunity to Obey

Deuteronomy 10 contains a beautiful picture of God's mercy.

After Moses broke the first tablets, God instructed him to prepare another set of stone tablets.

God wrote His commandments again.

“And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount.”

— Deuteronomy 10:4, KJV

God's mercy did not remove the seriousness of Israel's rebellion.

Instead, God's mercy gave Israel another opportunity to obey.

That is encouraging for us.



Failure does not mean we should remain in failure.

When we recognize that we have become distracted, we can return to God.

When we recognize compromise, we can repent.

When we recognize spiritual weakness, we can seek God again.

The answer to spiritual failure is not to run farther from God.

The answer is to return to Him.

Life Reflection

If you have recognized an area where you have fallen short, respond to God's conviction instead of avoiding it. Pray, repent, and take the next step of obedience.

Don't let past failure convince you that returning to God is pointless. His mercy gives us another opportunity to walk faithfully with Him.

Is there an area of your life where God is calling you back to obedience?

How have you experienced God's mercy after a failure?

What is one step you can take today to return to greater spiritual faithfulness?

Are you allowing past mistakes to keep you from moving forward with God?

6. Disobedience Is Serious

Deuteronomy also reminds us that even leaders are accountable to God's Word.

Moses and Aaron were chosen to lead Israel. They witnessed God's mighty acts in Egypt. They experienced the Red Sea crossing and led Israel through years of wilderness journey.

Yet they also experienced the consequences of disobedience.

At Meribah, Moses and Aaron failed to follow God's instructions.

God told Moses:

“Because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.”

— Numbers 20:24, KJV



Aaron died without entering the Promised Land.

This should humble us.

Years of service do not give us permission to become careless with obedience.

Ministry does not replace holiness.

Church attendance does not replace obedience.

Leadership does not replace submission to God's Word.

Past experiences with God do not guarantee that we will remain faithful tomorrow.

We must continue walking with Jesus.

Our ultimate destination is not simply a better season on earth.

Our ultimate hope is eternal life with Jesus Christ.

That is why we keep learning God's Word.

That is why conviction matters.

That is why we preach the gospel.

That is why we tell our families, friends, neighbors, and communities about Jesus.

We want people to know the One who saves.

Life Reflection

Never assume that past faithfulness is enough for today. Keep submitting your life to God's Word, regardless of your position, experience, or years of service.

Invite God to search your heart and reveal areas where obedience needs to become more intentional.

1. Are there areas where you have become spiritually complacent because of past experiences with God?
2. What does ongoing obedience look like in your present season?
3. How can you remain teachable and responsive to God's correction?
4. Who in your life needs to hear about the saving power of Jesus?



7. The Lord Must Be Our Portion

Deuteronomy 10 describes the tribe of Levi as being separated for service to the Lord.

“At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him.”

— Deuteronomy 10:8, KJV

The Levites did not receive a territorial inheritance like the other tribes.

“The LORD is his inheritance.”

— Deuteronomy 10:9, KJV

This statement carries a powerful spiritual principle.

God Himself was their portion.

Their identity was connected to their service to God.

As women who follow Jesus Christ, our identity should also be rooted in Him.

Our greatest privilege is not a title.

Our greatest privilege is knowing Jesus.

Our greatest treasure is not material success.

Our greatest treasure is Christ.

Life Reflection

Consider what you use to define yourself. Roles, accomplishments, possessions, relationships, and ministry responsibilities may all be meaningful, but none of them can replace your identity in Christ.

Spend time thanking God simply for who He is—not only for what He has done for you.

1. What things are most closely connected to your sense of identity?
2. How does knowing that Christ is your greatest treasure change the way you view success?

3. Are you more focused on what you can accomplish for God or on knowing God Himself?
4. What would it look like for the Lord to be your portion in this season?

8. What Does God Require?

Deuteronomy 10:12 gives a clear summary:

“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”

— Deuteronomy 10:12, KJV

The instruction is comprehensive.

Fear the Lord.

Walk in His ways.

Love Him.

Serve Him.

Keep His commandments.

Cling to Him.

Jesus expressed the same priority in the New Testament.

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

— Matthew 22:37, KJV

God does not want a portion of our hearts.

God calls us to love Him completely.



Life Reflection

Evaluate your relationship with God considering these simple instructions. Ask yourself whether you are walking in His ways, loving Him wholeheartedly, serving Him faithfully, and remaining close to Him.

Choose one of these areas that needs renewed attention and make a practical commitment to grow in it.

1. Which of these areas—fearing God, walking in His ways, loving Him, serving Him, keeping His commandments, or clinging to Him—needs the most attention in your life?
2. What does loving God with your whole heart look like in everyday life?
3. Are there areas where you are giving God only a portion of your heart?
4. How can you intentionally draw closer to Jesus this week?

9. Remember the Word of God

Moses continued to emphasize remembrance in Deuteronomy 11.

“Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul.”

— Deuteronomy 11:18, KJV

The Israelites were instructed to keep God's Word before them and within their homes.

Deuteronomy 11:20 says:

“And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates.”

— Deuteronomy 11:20, KJV

Jewish tradition later developed practices such as *tefillin*, small boxes containing Scripture worn during prayer, and the *mezuzah*, a small Scripture scroll placed on a doorway.

These practices reflect the importance of keeping God's Word close.

For Christians today, the principle remains powerful.

God's Word should influence our thoughts, actions, homes, and choices.

Remember what God has spoken.

Remember what God has done.

We should remember who God is.

Life Reflection

Look for ways to make God's Word a visible and active part of your daily life. Read it, meditate on it, memorize it, discuss it with your family, and apply it to your decisions.

Consider choosing one verse from this study to memorize and carry with you throughout the week.

1. How consistently are you allowing God's Word to shape your thoughts and decisions?
2. What Scripture has God used recently to speak to you?
3. How can you make God's Word more central in your home?
4. What verse could you memorize and carry with you this week?

10. Egypt, Canaan, and the Danger of Forgetting

Egypt and Canaan represented very different environments in Israel's story.

Egypt depended heavily on the Nile for its water supply and irrigation.

Canaan was described as a land of hills and valleys that depended on rain from heaven.

“A land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven.”

— Deuteronomy 11:11, KJV

“The eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it.”

— Deuteronomy 11:12, KJV

Canaan was a place of blessing. But the blessing still required obedience.

God's people needed to remember that the Promised Land was God's gift.

The same principle applies to us.

We should never become so comfortable that we forget God.

When our health is good, remember God.

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When our family is doing well, remember God.
When our finances are stable, remember God.
When our prayers are answered, remember God.
When opportunities increase, remember God.
When life becomes comfortable, continue seeking Jesus.



Life Reflection

Do not wait for a crisis to deepen your relationship with God. Build spiritual habits during seasons of peace so that your relationship with Him remains strong when circumstances change.

Thank God for the comfortable seasons, but continue seeking Him with the same hunger you had when you were in need.

1. How does comfort affect your spiritual life?
2. Do you find yourself praying as consistently in good seasons as in difficult ones?
3. What blessings could you intentionally turn into opportunities for gratitude and service?
4. How can you maintain spiritual hunger when life is comfortable?

11. Do Not Compromise

Deuteronomy 12 instructed Israel to destroy pagan places of worship and avoid adopting the religious practices of the Canaanites.

God wanted Israel's worship to remain devoted to Him.

Israel was entering a new environment, but Israel was not supposed to become like the surrounding nations.

This is an important lesson for Christians.

We live in the world, but our values should come from God's Word.

Compromise often begins quietly.

A small compromise can become a habit.

A habit can become a pattern.

A pattern can influence our character.

Therefore, we need spiritual boundaries.

We need conviction.

We need prayer.

We need the Word of God.

We need the power of the Holy Ghost working in our lives.

We should not treat holiness as a burden. Holiness is part of our response to a holy God.

The Israelites' journey should remind us that being close to spiritual things does not automatically guarantee faithfulness.

We must continue walking with God.



Life Reflection

Identify the boundaries that help you protect your relationship with God. Be intentional about the influences you allow into your heart, mind, home, and relationships.

Ask the Holy Ghost to help you recognize small compromises before they become established patterns.

1. Where might you be tempted to compromise your convictions?
2. What spiritual boundaries help protect your relationship with God?
3. Are there influences in your life that are gradually shaping your values more than God's Word?
4. How can prayer and the Holy Ghost help you remain faithful?

Remember Jesus

Moses told Israel to remember the way because Israel was entering a new season.

Today, we have an even greater reason to remember.

We do not simply remember a road through the wilderness.

We remember the One who walked with us on that road.

We remember Jesus.

Maybe you are in a wilderness today.

Remember the way.

Maybe you are experiencing abundance.

Remember the way.

Maybe you are being tested.

Remember the way.

Maybe God is bringing you into a new season.

Remember the way.

Whatever season you are experiencing, do not forget Jesus.

Jesus is not simply the One who gives us direction.

Jesus said:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

— John 14:6, KJV

Jesus is the Way.

He was with us in the wilderness.

He is with us in abundance.

He is with us in testing.

He is with us in transition.

He is with us when we understand the journey.



He is with us when we do not understand it.

Therefore, remember what God has done.

Remember His provision.

Remember His faithfulness.

Remember His Word.

Remember His mercy.

Remember the lessons from the wilderness.

Remember the blessings He has given.

Most of all, remember Jesus.

Do not allow the wilderness to make you forget His faithfulness.

Do not allow prosperity to make you forget His provision.

Do not allow distractions to make you forget His presence.

Do not allow a new season to make you forget the God who brought you there.

Remember the way—and keep walking with Jesus.



Life Reflection

Take a few quiet moments to remember your own journey with God. Write down several specific ways He has provided, protected, corrected, strengthened, or guided you.

Then consider the season you are entering now. Whether it is a wilderness, a season of abundance, a time of testing, or a new beginning, make a deliberate commitment to keep Jesus at the center.

1. What is one moment in your journey with God that you never want to forget?
2. What has God taught you in your wilderness seasons?
3. What blessing or new season could potentially distract you from God?
4. What are you asking Jesus to help you remember as you move forward?
5. What does it mean for you personally to “keep walking with Jesus” in this season?

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