

I STILL REMEMBER

ST. LUKE 22:14-20

INTRODUCTION

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT SOME FOLK HAVE A PROBLEM WHEN IT COME TO REMEMBERING.

THEY CAN EASILY FORGET WHERE THEY COME FROM AND WHO BROUGHT THEM FROM WHERE THEY CAME FROM!

WE CAN EASILY FORGET THAT IT WAS BY THE GRACE OF GOD THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY.

- 1. WHAT I AM, THE LORD MADE ME!**
- 2. WHAT I HAVE, THE LORD GAVE ME!**
- 3. WHERE I COME FROM, THE LORD BROUGHT ME!**
- 4. WHAT I KNOW, THE LORD TAUGHT ME!**
- 5. AND, WHERE I GO THE LORD WILL TAKE ME!**

ILLUSTRATION

I AM REMINDED OF A SESAME STREET CHARACTER NAMED FORGETFUL JONES.

HE WOULD ALWAYS COME ON THE PROGRAM SAYING, "OH GEE, I FORGOT."

ONE DAY WHILE HE WAS ON THE PROGRAM, SOME OF THE OTHER CHARACTERS GAVE HIM A SPECIAL GIFT.

AFTER RECEIVING THE GIFT, HE PROCEEDS TO PLACE THE GIFT ASIDE. AFTER A WHILE HE BECAME DISTRACTED BY BIG BIRD, OSCAR, ERNIE, BERT, GROVER, BETTY LUE AND

RODEO ROSEY.

**AND WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR HIM TO GO HOME,
FORGETFUL JONES FORGOT WHERE HE PLACED HIS GIFT.**

**AND TO MAKE MATTERS EVEN WORSE, FORGETFUL
JONES HAD TIED A STRING AROUND HIS INDEX FINGER TO
HELP HIM TO REMEMBER, BUT HE STILL FORGOT.**

**AND PEOPLE TODAY ARE LIKE FORGETFUL JONES THEY
GOT A STING TIED AROUND THEIR INDEX FINGER AND
STILL FORGET.**

- 1. SOME PEOPLE CAN REMEMBER WHAT HAPPEN
TWENTY YEARS AGO, AND FORGET WHAT THEY'RE
GOING TO GET FROM ONE ROOM TO ANOTHER.**
- 2. SOME PEOPLE FORGET THEIR AGE, BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES.**
- 3. SOME PEOPLE FORGET TO CALL FRIENDS AND LOVED
ONES.**
- 4. SOME PEOPLE FORGET BEING MARRIED AND THEY
WILL GO OUT AND DO ANY AND EVERYTHING,
DESECRATING THEIR MARRIAGE VOWS.**
- 5. SOME PEOPLE FORGET THEIR PAST AND THE PEOPLE
WHO'VE HELPED THEM TO CROSS THE BRIDGES IN
THEIR LIVES.**
- 6. SOME PEOPLE EVEN FORGET TO GO TO CHURCH ON
SUNDAY.**

**I TELL YOU, IT'S STRANGE HOW WE HAVE SUCH A HARD
TIME REMEMBERING ABOUT THINGS.**

**PEOPLE CAN EASILY FORGET FROM WHENCE THEY COME,
ESPECIALLY CHURCH FOLK.**

THEY CAN EASILY FORGET THAT THEY HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN SAVED. THAT'S WHAT I CALL "SPIRITUAL AMNESIA."

THE ONLY REASON THAT SOME OF US ARE HERE IN CHURCH TODAY IS BECAUSE JESUS TOUCHED YOU WHERE YOU WERE AND CHANGED YOUR LIFE.

- 1. YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN SAVED.**
- 2. YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS HAD YOUR ACT TOGETHER.**
- 3. YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN IN CHURCH ON A SUNDAY MORNING.**
- 4. YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS DOTTED EVERY MORAL I.**
- 5. YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS CROSSED EVERY ETHICAL T.**

BUT THE LORD, CHANGE YOU;

- 1. HE CHANGE YOUR LIFE STYLE,**
- 2. HE CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE,**
- 3. HE CHANGE YOUR FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES,**
- 4. HE CHANGE YOUR WAY OF THINKING,**
- 5. HE CHANGE YOUR WAY OF TALKING,**
- 6. AND HE EVEN CHANGE WHAT YOU HAD A TASTE FOR.**

AND I'VE DISCOVERED THAT AFTER THE LORD CHANGE YOU, SOME OF YOU SOMETIME FOR GET WHAT YOU USE TO BE.

YOU COME UP WITH ALL KIND IMAGINATION AND ILLUSION, AND EXCUSES OF REMEMBERING WHEN.

- 1. THEY CAN REMEMBER THE FAULTS OF OTHERS BUT FORGET ABOUT THEIR FAULTS.**

2. THEY CAN REMEMBER SOME THINGS WHILE FORGETTING ABOUT OTHER THING.
3. THEY CAN REMEMBER WHEN THEY'RE IN CHARGE OF SOMETHING.
4. THEY CAN REMEMBER THE WORST THING PEOPLE DO AND FORGET ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS THEY DO.
5. THEY CAN REMEMBER PAYDAY, THEY HAVE NO RESERVATION ABOUT SAYING, THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY. BECAUSE THE EAGLE FLIES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY I GO OUT TO PLAY.

TRANSITION TO THE TEXT

NOW, IN OUR TEXT, DR. LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN, BRINGS OUT THE TRUE MEANING OF THE PASSOVER MEAL.

IT'S THROUGH HIS EYES THAT WE SEE JESUS AS THE LONG-AWAITED MESSIAH OF THE JEWS AND THE SAVIOR OF ALL HUMANITY.

THROUGH DR. LUKE, JESUS IS SEEN BEING KIND TO WOMEN, THE POOR, THE OUTCAST, THE WEAK AND THOSE WHO SUFFER IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

JESUS IS A FIEND TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS HIM.

SO IT IS LUKE WHO DESCRIBES FOR US THE LAST SUPPER OF JESUS WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

DR. LUKE INFORMS US THAT JESUS SAT DOWN AT THE SUPPER TABLE WITH HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES.

JESUS SAYS IN [VERSES 15-16], *"I HAVE A DESIRE TO EAT THIS PASSOVER WITH YOU BEFORE I SUFFER. FOR I SAY UNTO YOU, I WILL NOT ANY MORE EAT THEREOF, UNTIL IT BE FULFILLED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD."*

JESUS COMES TOGETHER IN UNITY WITH HIS DISCIPLES IN

THE UPPER ROOM, AND ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU AND I CAN GIVE TO THE SPIRIT IS UNITY.

- 1. UNITY IS GREATER THAN SINGING.**
- 2. UNITY IS GREATER THAN VISION.**
- 3. UNITY IS GREATER THAN MINISTRY.**
- 4. UNITY IS GREATER THAN ACTIVITY.**
- 5. UNITY IS GREATER THAN ANY BUILDING PROGRAM YOU CAN COME UP WITH.**
- 6. UNITY IS GREATER THAN ANY PREACHER, ANY DEACON, ANY STAFF, ANY TRUSTEE, ANY MEMBER OR ANY USHER IN THE CHURCH.**

OH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, *"BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!"*

IF WE DON'T WORK TOGETHER, NOTHING WILL EVER BE ACCOMPLISHED.

THEN JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES AS HE TOOK THE BREAD, *"AND HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."*

LIKewise, HE TOOK UP THE CUP AND SAID, *"LIKewise HE ALSO TOOK THE CUP, SAYING, THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU."*

THE TRUE MEANING OF THIS PASSOVER MEAL IS MORE THAN A LAST FAREWELL BETWEEN FRIENDS.

I SEE THIS PASSOVER MEAL AS A TEACHABLE MOMENT. IT IS A TIME TO REAFFIRM ONE'S COMMITMENT THROUGH SYMBOLIC MEANS.

THIS MEANING IS REFLECTED BY THE WORD REMEMBRANCE.

THE GREEK USAGE OF THIS WORD MEANS THAT THE PARTICIPANT MAY REMEMBER CHRIST AND THE SACRIFICE OF HIS DEATH.

THE MEMORY OF THIS GREAT SACRIFICE SHOULD CAUSE THE BELIEVER TO ABSTAIN FROM SIN.

JESUS SAID, *"THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WAS GIVEN FOR YOU, DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."*

LET US LOOK AT HOW PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER BENEFITS ALL WHO COME WITH BELIEVING AND REMORSEFUL HEARTS.

- 1. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO WITNESS TO OTHERS THAT CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN IN POWER AND TOTAL VICTORY.**
- 2. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO TAKE TIME OUT TO SEARCH OUR HEARTS AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY WICKED MOTIVES IN OUR HEARTS.**
- 3. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO COME TO GOD IN FULL REPENTANCE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD WITHOUT SHAME.**
- 4. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO REJOICE IN THE LORD'S GREAT VICTORY IN ADVANCE OF ALL LIFE'S TRIALS.**
- 5. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO BE CONFIDENT THAT GOD WILL CONTINUALLY FIGHT OUR BATTLES FOR US AND WIN EVERY TIME.**
- 6. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO SHOW FORTH THE LORD'S DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION POWER IN WORSHIP SERVICE.**
- 7. THE LORD'S SUPPER ALLOWS BELIEVERS TO EXAMINE THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR PURITY OF MOTIVES.**

"DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." LET US REMEMBER THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE BREAD.

REMEMBER THE BREAD, MY BODY THAT IS BEING BROKEN FOR YOU.

BREAD IS SEEN AS A GIFT FROM GOD. IT IS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND A SIGN AS THE GREATEST OF ALL GIFTS.

LET US REMEMBER THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE WINE.

REMEMBER THE WINE, MY BLOOD THAT IS BEING SHED FOR YOU.

WINE IS SEEN AS TO MAKE THE HEART GLAD. IT IS A SOURCE OF JOY AND EVERYTHING THAT IS PLEASANT IN LIFE.

AND SO AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS SACRED CEREMONY LET US REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH, JOY AND EVERYTHING THAT IS PLEASANT IN LIFE.

YES, HAPPINESS IS BEING FORGIVEN AND APPROPRIATING THE TRUTH.

FOR I REALIZE THAT HAPPINESS IS CONTINUALLY ENHANCED THROUGH OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE TRUTHS FOUND IN THE LORD'S SUPPER.

AND I THINK I OUGHT TO TELL YOU, I'M QUALIFIED TO TELL SOMEBODY:

- 1. HOW TO HAVE JOY IN THE TIME OF SORROW!**
- 2. HOW TO HAVE FAITH IN THE TIME OF SICKNESS!**
- 3. HOW TO TRUST GOD WHEN YOU CAN'T PAY YOUR BILLS!**

4. HOW TO KEEP YOUR JOY THROUGH A DIVORCE!
5. HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD EVEN WHEN THEY ARE IN JAIL!
6. HOW TO KEEP YOUR MIND WHEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO MAKE YOU CRAZY!

"DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." REMEMBERING IS IMPORTANT.

THIS KIND OF REMEMBERING THAT JESUS MENTIONS IS ANCHORED IN THE PAST, LIVES IN THE PRESENT AND REVEALS THE FUTURE.

1. IT REFLECTS THE MISSION OF GOD INTO A CLEAR VISION TO REDEEM A LOST HUMANITY.
2. IT REFLECTS THE MISSION OF JESUS TO THE WORLD, AND TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE.
3. IT REFLECTS THE MISSION FOR ALL OF US TO GO INTO ALL, THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP AND THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION ARE BOTH CORNERSTONES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

THEY BOTH ARE IMPORTANT AND VITAL TO THE UP BUILDING OF OUR FAITH AND MINISTRY.

1. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP IS CONDITIONAL; *"WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM COME."* WHILE THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION IS PROVISIONAL; *"WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT."*
2. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP IS THE MEASUREMENT OF OUR FAITH, WHILE THE RESURRECTION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR FAITH.

3. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES RESPONSIBILITY, WHILE THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION REQUIRES BELIEF.
4. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP IS THE ONGOING PROCESS FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN TRAVELER.
5. THIS ONGOING PROCESS REQUIRES ONE TO CONSTANTLY EVALUATE ONE SELF.
6. IT ALSO REQUIRES ONE TO CHECK THEIR COMMITMENT TO FAMILY, CHURCH AND NEIGHBORS AND TO GOD.

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION REFLECTS AN EVENT THAT HAS OCCURRED.

THE EVENT HAS HAPPENED AND IT CONTINUES TO AFFECT US TODAY AND FOREVER.

THIS EVENT HAS CHANGED THE WORLD. IT BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT THE POWER, REALITY, AND TRUTH OF THE ETERNAL GOD.

GOD ALLOWED THAT EVENT TO HAPPEN AND THUS HAS MADE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR ITS OUTCOME.

AND SO "THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP AND THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION ARE BOTH CORNERSTONES OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH.

1. WITHOUT DISCIPLESHIP, YOU AND I CANNOT ENJOY THE VICTORY OF CALVARY.
2. WITHOUT DISCIPLESHIP YOU AND I CANNOT BE TRUE CHRISTIANS. THE HEART OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF IS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

3. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THESE TWO CONCEPTS MEAN, "WITHOUT A CROSS THERE CAN BE NO CROWN."

I STILL REMEMBER. THERE IS POWER IN REMEMBERING.

1. YES, REMEMBERING WILL HELP US BUILD FOR THE FUTURE.
2. REMEMBERING WILL HELP US IN MAKING POSITIVE DECISIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.
3. IT WILL HELP US TO BUILD OUR FAITH AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR CONFIDENCE.
4. REMEMBERING ALSO HELPS US TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES.
5. TO REMEMBER HELPS US TO DEVELOP OURSELVES.

IT REFLECTS OUR ASPIRATIONS, DESIRES, DREAMS, HOPES AND VISIONS.

1. IT CAN OPEN NEW PATHS ON OLD ROAD.
2. IT AWAKENS US IN MOMENTS OF DANGER.
3. IT COMFORTS US IN MOMENTS OF FEAR AND MISTRUST.
4. IT ENCOURAGES US IN TIMES OF HOPELESSNESS.
5. IT ENLIGHTENS US IN THE VERY DARK MOMENTS OF LONELINESS.
6. IT GROWS ON US IN MOMENTS OF LOVE.
7. IT NURTURES US IN MOMENTS OF SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS AND TEMPTATION.

8. IT RELIVES IN US MOMENTS OF JOY AND HAPPINESS.

9. IT REVIVES US IN MOMENTS OF DESPAIR.

We need to remember our calling, our mission and our families.

We need to remember the works and struggles of others who have gone on before us.

We need to remember that the spiritual battle is not over. However, the victory is just before us.

- 1. Remember the life that Jesus lived.**
- 2. Remember the Word that He taught.**
- 3. Remember the suffering He endured.**
- 4. Remember the power of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.**
- 5. Remember the ransom that He paid for our sins for all of mankind's past, present and future sins.**
- 6. Remember the promise He made to come again for us.**

Oh Lord...I still remember...what you done for me!

Sometime I can't help but to think about it.

Lord...I can't forget it; I still remember what you done for me.

Sometime I can't help but think about it.

Once I was sick and the doctor said I couldn't get well, you heal my body, Lord... right now I can tell - that what you done for me.

You pick me up and you turn me around, that what you done

for me.

Oh Lord...I still remember...I'm so glad about it, I still remember what you done for me!

Early this morning you woke me up my eye came wide open, got out of my bed and begin to move around, look at my legs stepping out there this morning - that what you done for me.

Is there anybody here in this room glad about what Jesus did?

If you're glad about IT, come on and wave your hand.

I still remember what He done for me, that why I can't forget.

"Jesus, I'll never forget what you have done for me. Jesus, I'll never forget how you set me free, Jesus, I'll never forget, Oh I'll never!!!" How can I forget?

1. I CAN'T FORGET WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR ME.
2. I CAN'T FORGET THE LORD'S SUPPER.
3. I CAN'T FORGET TO LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.
4. I CAN'T FORGET THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP.
5. I CAN'T FORGET THAT A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE AND A GOD TO GLORIFY.
6. I CAN'T FORGET THAT I WAS SINKING DEEP IN SIN, FAR FROM THE PEACEFUL SHORE.
7. I CAN'T FORGET THAT IT WAS AT THE CROSS, WHERE I FIRST SAW THE LIGHT.
8. I CAN'T FORGET THAT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR ME, WOUNDED FOR ME.
9. I CAN'T FORGET THAT THERE IS POWER IN THE

BLOOD.

10. I CAN'T FORGET THAT THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD.

11. I CAN'T FORGET THAT THERE POWER IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, BUT I STILL REMEMBER.

I CAN TESTIFY IN MY LIFE THAT I WAS BOUND BUT NOW I'M FREE, JESUS SET ME FREE.

I REMEMBER WHAT I COULDN'T DO AND I REMEMBER WHAT I CAN DO!

- 1. I CAN WALK IN THE JOY OF THE LORD.**
- 2. I CAN SERVE GOD OUT OF A WANT TO, NOT A HAVE TO.**
- 3. I CAN COME BEFORE THE MOST HIGH GOD OUT OF PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE RATHER THAN OBLIGATION.**
- 4. I CAN HAVE CHRIST LIVING IN ME WITH HOPE OF GLORY.**
- 5. I CAN HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKING THROUGH ME.**
- 6. I CAN LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE AND THE TRUTH OF HIS WORD.**