

CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH

REMEMBRANCE

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You connect with God through remembrance. When you remember what He has done, you feel close to the Lord. Through remembrance, you enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. When you remember, you are given access into His presence. You enter into God's presence daily by raising up your Ebenezer (1 Samuel 7:12), which is an altar of remembrance for how God has helped you. To you, remembering can look like going back in your journals at what God told you or did in past seasons, taking communion to reflect on His body and His blood, stewarding prophetic words, or partnering with the saints of past generations in celebrations and traditions. You are brought into God's presence when a song brings you back to an encounter you had with Him in the past. You encounter the Holy Spirit when you remember His faithfulness. Remembering can look like intentionally looking back in history at the moves of God and partnering with them now. When you look back, you are able to look forward with hope for the future. Remembrance is something that God taught Israel. Israel was often instructed to reflect and remember before entering into a new season. The act of remembering was woven into every part of their culture because when we remember, we worship.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Enter into your daily encounter with thanksgiving and praise. Take time to thank Him. Ask yourself, "Have I thanked God today?"
- Journal what God is speaking to you in your daily encounters so you can steward His words and remember what He is calling you to.
- Go back to old journals to remember and reflect on what God has done in your life.
- Research past revivals and Church history.
- Steward prophetic words by writing them down, asking God about them, and partnering with them.
- Write out chronological acts of God's goodness in your life to see how He was present in order to cultivate thankfulness.
- Go back to a place you once connected with God, and do it again.
- Look at how Israel was instructed to remember.
- Research Jewish holidays such as Shabbat, Passover, First Fruits, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, etc.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Deut. 8, Joshua 4, Psalm 77, Psalm 78, Psalm 102:12-28, Psalm 136, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 11:24, 2 Peter 1:12, 2 Peter 3:1-2

ENCOURAGEMENT

You remember so you can move forward. Remembrance is a way that we can move forward with God in gratitude. Remembrance is not being stuck in the past, but an invitation to recall God's faithfulness, His presence, and past encounters that catapult you into new ones. When you remember, you can see who God is. When it is difficult to remember, invite the Holy Spirit to walk with you and show you His presence in the past. Ask Jesus where He is with you in the present, and how He will lead you into your future.

BOOKS

- Do this in Remembrance of Me by Paul L Staack
- Stones of Remembrance: Healing Scriptures for Your Mind, Body, and
- Soul by Dr. Daniel Amen