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Memory is critical and always in doubt:

“Remember”- 166 times in NIV Bible translation

“Forget”- 58 times

We think thinking is our problem. But you have to remember clearly before you can think rightly.

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Numbers 15:37-41

The LORD said to Moses, 38 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'Throughout the generations to come **you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel.** 39 You will have these tassels to look at and so you will **remember all the commands of the LORD**, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. 40 **Then you will remember** to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God. 41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD your God.'"

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We forget:

what **is** vs. what we **see** → so we forget God

what's **right** vs. what we **want** → idolatry

real past vs. flattering **interpretations** → forget our sin and need for grace

our **sin and infirmity** (what we are), for whom **we'd like to think** we are → forget the lessons we should have learned

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When we do remember:
We remember wrong

Brain Science:

Bible:

Numbers 11:4-6 “The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost-- also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

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Because:

We remember reactively to justify ourselves

That's why:

God commands his people to be **PROACTIVE**
and **DISCIPLINED** remembers

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Luke 22:19

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

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1 Corinthians 11:24-26

“...and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of me.**" 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; **do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**”



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A stable LOCAL CHURCH:
God's plan for your memory

Examples:

1. Singing worship
2. Preaching
3. Community



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Remember

1. I am a chronic forgetter
2. God has provided for my forgetting
3. Embrace remembering lifestyle
4. Cling to simple truths
5. Believe in Jesus



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“Such is man’s nature, that he is very inactive and lazy unless he is influenced by some affection, either love or hatred, desire, hope, fear, or some other. These affections we see to be the springs that set men a going, in all the affairs of life, and engage them in all their pursuits.”

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Luke 15:32,

“We ***had to celebrate and be glad***,
because this brother of yours was
dead and is alive again; he was lost
and is found.”

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We have to be people growing in the
EXPRESSIVENESS and **DISCIPLINE** of
CELEBRATION.

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1. A people of growing
expressiveness

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56 commands to sing in the Psalms

Rejoice: 36 times- most are calls for us to rejoice

Psalm 32:11 ¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 40:16 ¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!"

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Expressiveness...

How relative is it really?

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2 Tests:

1. The Football Test

2. The Humiliation Test

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2 Samuel 6:16-23 “As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal (David’s wife) daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷ They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸ After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty...

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...Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes. ²⁰ ¶ When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" ...

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...David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel-- I will celebrate before the LORD. ²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor." ²³ And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death."

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2. A people of disciplined celebration

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3 kinds of things to celebrate:

1. **Occurrences**- spontaneous celebration
2. **Repetitions**- forgetfulness
3. **Constants**- forgetfulness

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Constants

God himself:

Psalm 16:11, “in my presence is fullness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.”

God’s word:

Psalm 119:103, “how sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

God’s work:

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The Repetitive:

1. God's provision- for you, church, nation
2. God's salvation- changing us, saving people

Celebration:

Testimonies and Baptisms

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Worship

1. Remember
2. Express
3. Celebrate



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