

God's Promises: Take Them to the Bank

Remember Jesus Christ

Remember Jesus Christ in the middle of difficulty. Sometimes, as we follow Jesus, we will face trials of many kinds. During these trials, it can be easy to forget, or at least minimize, how we got where we are. This lets in self-reliance which leads to fear and anxiety. We must keep our gaze fixed on Jesus and keep our testimonies close to our hearts. Just like ancient Israel was brought out of Egypt, God has brought us out of our past sufferings. The key is to remember that God *has been* and *will be* faithful!

GET THINGS STARTED

What are some positive moments or experiences spiritually in your life that have made you who you are today? How did these moments impact you when they occurred, and how do they continue impact you now?

GO DEEPER

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13. Where is Paul when writing this, and why is Paul enduring such suffering? How is it that Paul has the faith and courage to tell Timothy to “remember Jesus Christ” in the middle of such a difficult situation?
2. In the Old Testament, ancient Israel is freed from Egyptian slavery in the powerful account of their Exodus journey to God’s Promised Land. Along the way in the wilderness, however, the Israelites complained multiple times about their situation and many even entertained the idea of returning to Egypt (Exodus 14:10-12; 15: 22-25; 16:1-3). Why do you think they forgot God’s faithfulness so quickly, that He split the Red Sea and delivered them from Pharaoh’s pursuit?
3. According to Revelation 12:11, how do we overcome the enemy? What does it mean to overcome the enemy? What is the blood of the Lamb? What does the “word of their testimony” mean?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How are you remembering Jesus in the face of difficulties you’re facing right now? What possible trials has God brought you through that you may be minimizing? What trials might you be walking through right now that you need to declare the name of Jesus over?
2. How might you be relying on your own power to carry you through the difficulties of life? What does it look like for you to trust that God has a plan for you? How easy or difficult is it for you to believe that the same Spirit that *raised Jesus from the dead* lives in you?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, share testimonies about how God has been faithful to you. Take time also to thank God for His faithfulness. Ask Him to increase your faith and trust in His steadfast love and immense power. Pray that you may always remember Jesus your Savior so that you can find joy in every trial!