May 26 | Sunday

Remember

Read Joshua 4:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



27 | Mon – Remember | Read <u>John 15:13</u>

Today is a day when our country honors those who paid the ultimate price while serving to protect our freedom. No matter what your political persuasion, it is right to honor those who knowingly chose to go despite the risk to their own lives. Jesus said there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. Who would you risk your life for?

28 | Tue - Honor | Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you take communion, it is not an empty ritual. You are honoring the Person who voluntarily laid down His life because it was the only way to save yours. A person whose life was saved because a stranger intervened will often think different afterward. Especially if that stranger was killed. They may comment about how this event caused them to take their life more seriously and decided to live in a way that honors the person who died. Who does your life honor?

29 | Wed - Memory stones | Read Joshua 4:1-9

Communion is not the first mention of symbols which help remind us of past events. Joshua was leading God's people into their promised land after 400 years of slavery and 40 years of living in a desert learning to live God's way. As the Jordan River was miraculously parted for the people to cross over, twelve boulders were hauled out of the riverbed and stacked on the shore as a physical reminder of what God had done. Do you have any memory stones, some specific object or objects that serve to remind you of God at work in your life?

30 | Thu – Set aside | Read Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Read about another symbol God gave his people to remember what they had been rescued from. As slaves in Egypt, they worked seven days a week, no weekends off, no holidays, no vacations, no sick days. Many of them were worked to death, literally. In this new way of life God was giving, he *required* them to take one day a week to do nothing but remember and worship and rest. How will you take advantage of this blessing in your life this week?

31 | Fri – Faulty memories | Read Number 11:1-9

After you have lived through a difficult time and things are easier, do you forget? It was not long before God's people forgot what life in Egypt had *really* been like. Some of the hardships of traveling through the wilderness made them remember only the good things they had left behind. Then the complaining began. Has this ever happened to you? What might be a good antidote when you are tempted to glamorize the past?

01 | Sat – Forgotten | Read Hebrews 10:15-18

Unlike humans, there isn't anything God cannot remember but there is one thing he *chooses* to forget. Do you have memories you cannot forget, even though you desperately wish you could? Your enemy loves to bring those things to your attention, along with a strong dose of condemnation. As you read the truth in these verses, remind yourself that God has forgotten those things so you can too. Then remind the devil that he's got nothing on you.

