

INTRO

- When you think back on significant moments in your faith journey, which ones stand out most clearly? Which ones have you found yourself forgetting or needing to be reminded of?
- Have you ever kept a tangible reminder of an important spiritual moment (a cross, a journal entry, a photo)? What role has it played in your life?

IDEA 1

This week's sermon explored Psalm 77 and the theme of "forgotten to remember"—the spiritual discipline of recalling what God has done, especially our baptism. The psalmist Asaph wrestles with brutal questions directed at God, yet ultimately chooses to remember God's mighty works, particularly the Exodus. This kind of questioning and lament isn't a lack of faith; it's an expression of deep intimacy with God. True relationship with God can handle our hardest questions.

- What was your initial reaction to the questions Asaph asks God in Psalm 77? Did they surprise you with their honesty?
- When you're going through a difficult season, do you tend to remember God's past faithfulness or forget it? What makes the difference?
- How comfortable are you bringing your most honest, even brutal, questions to God? What holds you back?
- How does Psalm 77 challenge or encourage your prayer life?

IDEA 2:

The turning point in Psalm 77 comes when Asaph shifts from his questions to remembering: "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago" (v. 11). He specifically recalls the crossing of the Red Sea—God's redemptive work through water. For us as believers, baptism serves as our Exodus moment: a tangible reminder of death to sin, burial with Christ, resurrection to new life, and cleansing. When we forget our baptism, we forget our identity and God's faithfulness.

- Do you remember your baptism? If so, what details stand out? If not, what have you been told about it or what do you know about the commitment made on your behalf? (If you haven't been baptized and would like to learn more, you can reach out to Cary Wood a cwood@salemalliance.org.)
- How does viewing baptism as your personal "Exodus story" change the way you think about it?

IDEA 2: CONTINUED

- The sermon used water as a tangible reminder. What physical or sensory reminders help you remember God's work in your life?

The Exodus story—God parting the Red Sea and delivering His people—is the ultimate Old Testament picture of redemption. It's a story of God making a way when there was no way, of rescue from slavery, of passing through death to new life. Our baptism connects us to this same redemptive narrative. Even when we're in seasons of doubt or difficulty, we can trust that the God who redeemed us once will continue His redemptive work in us.

- Josh encouraged us to "remember and trust in God's redemptive work, even in difficult times." What is one difficult situation you're facing right now where you need to remember God's faithfulness?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Invite the group to take a quiet, reflective posture.

Read Psalm 77:11-15 aloud together:

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph."

Reflection prompts (allow 2-3 minutes of silence after each):

1. "Remember your baptism—whether you recall the moment or know the story. What did God declare over you that day? That you are His beloved child, forgiven, made new, sealed by the Holy Spirit."
2. "Think of one specific way God has shown His faithfulness to you since your baptism. It might be a provision, a healing, a relationship, a moment of clarity, or simply His presence in darkness."
3. "Ask the Holy Spirit: What am I in danger of forgetting right now? What do I need to remember about who God is and what He has done?"

Response:

In groups of 2-3, share one thing you need to remember about God's character or faithfulness, and pray for one another.

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Pick one or more of the following prompts to practice this week:

Remember Daily: Set a daily reminder on your phone or place a sticky note somewhere visible with the words "Remember your baptism." Each time you see it, pause and thank God for one aspect of your salvation. (If you haven't been baptized and would like to learn more, you can reach out to Cary Wood a cwood@salemalliance.org.)

Journal Your Exodus Story: Write out your own "Exodus story"—the narrative of how God brought you from death to life, from slavery to sin to freedom in Christ. Include your baptism as a key chapter. Keep it somewhere you can return to when you're tempted to forget.

Practice Honest Lament: If you're in a season of doubt or difficulty, follow Asaph's pattern. Write out your honest questions to God (the brutal ones), then intentionally shift to remembering His past faithfulness. Use Psalm 77 as your template.

Share Your Story: Tell someone this week about your baptism and what it means to you. If you have children or younger believers in your life, share the significance of baptism with them as a way of passing on the memory.