

**“The Danger of Remembering”**  
First annual Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving  
*Selected Scriptures*

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced...

1 Chronicles 16:8-12

**1. Remember the Greatness of God's Power.**

“Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 11:7-10

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

**Application:** Friends, we have been blessed to see the hand of God's protection—we have seen His hand of deliverance. We must know that our God is for us! We must know, nothing can stand against us!

***May our memory of God's power  
move us on to great requests  
and great work.***

***“Expect great things from God.  
Attempt great things for God.”***

*William Carey—Missionary*

**Question:** Are you desperate for the blessing of God for Grace Church?

**2. One great victory doesn't settle everything.**

***"It is possible to win the battle and lose the war."***

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior... I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:7-9; 13 and 14

**Is God our light? Is God our salvation?  
Is He the strength of our life?  
Will we seek His face?**

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"  
Jeremiah 32:27

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15

... Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."  
John 20:21

**Application:** Let's focus on the right kind of remembering. Let's remember the power of our God. Let's remember His promises. Let's remember His commands. Let's remember His miracles so that they will propel us into His future for Grace Church. But, let us forget the past!

... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things...

Philippians 3:13-15

Are you willing to enter the battle? Will you reexamine your schedule and make one night a month available for corporate prayer? Will you remember the miracle-working

## God and forget the past, pressing on to win the prize?

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