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# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## Remember Lot's Wife



Remembering is a huge part of our walk of faith. Our commitment to declare God's excellencies by saying nice things about him depends on our memories. One reason why we forget what God has done in the past is because we do not tell those stories enough, if at all. When we overlook or do not bring to mind in fresh ways the works of God from the past, we easily lose hope and confidence for what we face today. A major theme of Moses in his sermons recorded in Deuteronomy is to urge the people of God to both not forget and to remember what God has done. Moses refers to remembering and forgetting almost 30 times in this book.

One repeated admonition is to not forget and to remember their rescue from slavery in Egypt. In Deuteronomy 4:9 Moses urges us as God's people to work hard "*lest you forget the things your eyes have seen.*" These people had seen a lot as slaves in Egypt, the plagues, the crossing of the Red Sea, the sights and sounds of God at Mt Sinai and the miracles of the wilderness wandering. You as a God follower today have seen a lot as well. What is there about your rescue from the slavery of sin that you have forgotten in large part because you do not bring it to mind very often?

Moses gives us an incredibly helpful directive. Here is how you can remember and benefit from all the things you have seen God do over the years of your walk with him. He tells us in that same verse to simply make these things known to our children and our children's children. Make it a point to tell your stories of what you have seen God do to your children or someone close to you. Let us be the people of God together by telling stories of God's excellencies often, repeatedly, and intentionally . . . lest we forget and God is replaced by other less important stories.

We are looking forward to remembering Jesus together this Sunday as we celebrate the Lord's Table in our worship service. Come with a few 'things your eyes have seen' God do in preparation for this time of reflection and thanks.

By the way, remember Lot's wife? Jesus did. He thought we should too (Luke 17:32). Remembering stuff is both hard work and terribly important.

## A new Life Group is starting in March.

This Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School in the Family Center there will be a brief meeting for any interested in a new Life Group that is starting. We are asking God to pull together 8-14 adults that would commit to a new Life group with the plan that out of this group some other Life groups could be started in the coming Fall of this year. The group will function as a group that encourages and cares for each other while pursuing God with accountability. The group will also spend time learning and practicing the skills of leading small groups. Don and Sue Whipple will lead the group. It will meet every other week, hopefully 10-12 times over the Spring and Summer. Meeting day and time will be agreed on after we identify who will be in the group. Plan to come and learn more about this opportunity. Connect with Don or Sue if you have questions.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Connie Davis:** Connie had surgery last week to remove her kidney. The surgery went well. She is recovering out of the ICU. They are hopeful that she will be able to go home by the end of the week. Connie will have a pet-scan on her lungs soon to determine the kind of treatment needed. Pray for God's provision and wisdom as they are on this journey.

**Joie Grenner:** Joie is still in the hospital in Chicago. She has been there since the beginning of January. There had been some concern about her blood count, so after more testing it was determined that the cancer has returned. Pray also for her mom, Rochelle, as she has been with Joie this whole time. Pray for God to continue to strengthen her spirit during this time as He shows His faithfulness.

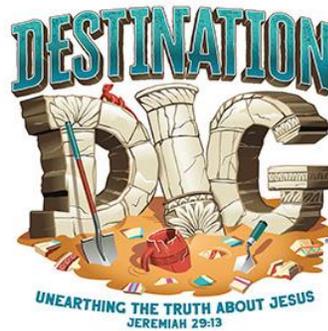
**Brad Garling:** Brad has begun a round of chemo and radiation this week. Pray for wisdom for the doctors. Pray for God to guard Brad's mind and to give him that peace which passes all understanding.

**Caleb Leman:** Thank you for continuing to pray for Caleb & his family. Huge praise: Caleb is home! He will be doing some rehab in the coming days. Continue to pray for his strength to return even more, day by day.



## SAVE THE DATE!

A church workday has been planned for **Saturday, March 13.**



## VB\$ 2021

**July 12-16**

**Save the Date!**

## Update on Checkpoint Bible Camp

For those of you who have not yet heard, Checkpoint Bible Camp has been canceled for this year. This was a difficult decision for all those on the leadership team for the camp. The good news is that camp dates have been secured for 2022! Thanks for understanding!



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Today, Wednesday March 3—Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night classes @ 6:00 pm**
- **Saturday, March 3—Elders Meeting @ 7:00 am**
- **Saturday, March 3—Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am**
- **Sunday, March 4—Worship @ 9:15 am/Sunday School @ 10:30 am**
- **Monday, March 5—Men's Bible reading @ 7:30 pm**



This Saturday, March 6, Dan & Linda Leman will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! We are thankful to God for His faithfulness.