



Remember, Be Grateful, Keep Walking (Psalm 116:1-19 ESV)

Talk To Me sermon series

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BIG IDEA: God is writing our story into his story. By remembering his mercies to us, by living in gratitude for his faithfulness to us, we will walk in his presence in the certainty that he loves us and has us in his hands.

"The Author of the book is writing us into his book, we aren't writing him into ours." -- Eugene Peterson, A Long Obedience in the Same Direction.

REMEMBER GOD'S MERCIES:

(3) Death wrapped its ropes around me; the terrors of the grave overtook me. I saw only trouble and sorrow. (4) Then I called on the name of the LORD: "Please, LORD, save me!"

(5) How kind the LORD is! How good He is! So merciful, this God of ours! (6) The LORD protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and He saved me. (7) Let my soul be at rest again, for the LORD has been good to me.

(8) He has saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

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(10) I believed in You, so I said, "I am deeply troubled, LORD." (11) In my anxiety I cried out to You, "These people are all liars!"

LIVE IN GRATITUDE:

(12) What can I offer the LORD for all He has done for me? (13) I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the LORD's name for saving me. (14) I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

(15) The LORD cares deeply when His loved ones die. (16) O LORD, I am Your servant; yes, I am Your servant, born into Your household; You have freed me from my chains.

(17) I will offer You a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. (18) I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people— (19) in the house of the LORD in the heart of Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

"Gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy." – Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.

KEEP WALKING:

(9) And so I walk in the LORD's presence as I live here on earth!

Remember God's Mercies.

Live in Gratitude.

Keep Walking.

NEXT STEP:

For the next seven days, before going to sleep each night, find one thing, one person, one event from the day that you're grateful for, then thank God.