



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

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| Scripture: | Exodus 15 | Title: | Don't Forget to Remember |
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| Summary of Chapter | The Israelites had safely crossed the Red Sea, but just 3 days after singing and praising God, the Israelites quickly forgot about the power and victory of God when they couldn't find drinkable water in the wilderness of Shur. The mood of the people sank very quickly, and they grumbled against Moses. Moses cried out to the Lord and God led him to sweeten the water. | | |

| Key Verse(s) NLT | How does it speak to me? |
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| <p>²³ <i>When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means "bitter").²⁴ Then the people complained and turned against Moses. "What are we going to drink?" they demanded.</i></p> | <p>As I contemplate this verse, the word 'bitter' stood out to me. Most of us do not like or prefer anything that tastes bitter; neither do we enjoy a situation that gives us a bitter experience. We can't wait to get rid of that feeling or taste. That's our attitude towards God whenever we are placed in a 'bitter' situation – we become forgetful and impatient. 5 years ago, my mum had a serious stroke. For 3 years, she was admitted to hospital almost on a monthly basis for infections. However, God provided at every step and in ways that I never would have imagined. I saw victory after victory in that journey of struggle. I remember praising God at every juncture, and joyfully sharing the testimonies with almost everyone I met. I was like the Israelites, I was on fire! In 2018, I entered full-time ministry with Grace Assembly. However, just within 3 weeks into my new role, my mum fell critically ill. Her condition didn't improve and I was prepared by the doctor for the worst. I remembered questioning God, "What are you thinking, God? Why do you make me go through this when I have been faithful and even obeyed You to give up my career to come in full time?" I even demanded that He do something about it. I forgot all His providence and promises that I raved about in the past. I had forgotten to remember. As always, God remains a loving Father who continues to hold my hand and provide everything that I need throughout the journey despite my rebellious and childish attitude towards him. Whenever we are placed in a situation that seems 'bitter', let's not forget and complain, but choose to remember and confide in our all-sufficient, never-failing Lord instead. Don't forget to remember.</p> |

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

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| Adult: | Recall a time when you have been placed in a difficult situation that is out of your control and abilities. What was your immediate response? Why did you respond in that manner? |
| Youth: | When was the last time you had praised God for what He had done in your life? When was the last time you had complained and grumbled? What was the difference in the frequency and why? |
| Child: | Share a time when you felt angry and upset with God. How does remembering God's previous help change the way you feel? |

PRAYER

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| Praying Scripture: | Thank You for who You are – all loving, all sufficient, and never failing. Teach us to place our confidence in who You are, to fix our eyes on You in good times and in strive. Whenever we are faced with a situation that is seemingly 'bitter' to us, let us not forget and complain, but let us always choose to remember and confide in You. Thank You! |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc) |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc) |
| Salvation Prayer: | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen. |