

Remembering Lasting Moments

BOOK OF THE MONTH



You Are Never Alone
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 Presence and Power*
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SCRIPTURES

God Is With Us

November 1-7
Jeremiah 29:13

November 8-14
Exodus 33:14

November 15-21
Matthew 18:20

November 22-28
1 Corinthians 3:16

November 29-30
Hebrews 9:24

I thank my God every time I remember you. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart---
 Philippians 1:3;7a

'A picture is worth a thousand words' is how this familiar saying goes. However, I think pictures have greater value than a mere thousand words of description. Entering this Thanksgiving season is different from what we expected compared to 2019. Last Thanksgiving, we spent our time freely and openly with family and friends, and we parted ways with plans to do it all over again this year. Who would have thought that three months into 2020 many of our loved ones would be taken away from us by a pandemic that continues to be a health risk? Sadly, this is not a bad dream that we can wake up from, and our loved ones are not coming back. However, all hope and joy are not lost. The Apostle Paul reminds us of a blessed gift we have through the power of the Holy Spirit. We have memories stored within our minds and hearts that keep our loved ones near.

Reminiscing over photos stirs up our remembrances of relationships that are rooted deep within our souls. Emotions flow and remind us of how much people meant to us and of their sweet presence we forever hold dear to us. Nowadays, pictures are snapped and stored on personal devices. I, personally, prefer holding pictures in my hands and turning the pages of a photo album so I can linger in my thoughts for a while as I walk down memory lane.

I'm sure each of us have someone in our lives who would be blessed beyond measure if they could walk down memory lane this Thanksgiving season and relive some of the most wonderful times they shared with loved ones who are no longer here as well as with loved ones who are present. Why don't you have some of those treasured photos printed from your devices, and make this Thanksgiving an extra special celebration of life – past, present, and future? Those still images are worth all the hope and promise we hold on to today and are assured of in the future.

When Jesus ascended back to Heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to live within us so we would always know Jesus is with us always. And one day we are going to be with our Savior and our loved ones forevermore. Think about this as you look at your photos and recall the lasting moments and treasured memories stored within you. You may shed a few tears, and that is okay. But just know you will ultimately find yourself thanking God for so many blessings those photos will remind you of that you may have otherwise forgotten had you not taken time to reflect on the gift and purpose of each life God sends your way. *Have a blessed & Happy Thanksgiving.*