

Remember Why.

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Nehemiah 6:15-16

¹⁵ So on October 2nd the wall was finished - just 52 days after we had begun. ¹⁶ When our enemies and surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done *with the help of our God*.

DANGER: *It's possible to PURSUE a God-given vision and totally FORGET about God.*

Nehemiah 4:14

¹⁴ "Don't be afraid of the enemy! REMEMBER THE LORD, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.

5 Ways to Remember God.

1. Remember to Read.

Nehemiah 8:1-8

¹ In October, when the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people *assembled with a unified purpose* at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given for Israel to obey. ⁶ Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ *They READ from the Book of the Law of God* and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping people to understand each passage.

- Make it PERSONAL.
What is God saying to me?
- Make it PRACTICAL.
What am I going to do with what I just read?

2. Remember to Celebrate.

Nehemiah 8:9-10

⁹ Then Nehemiah, the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, “Don’t mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God.” For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ¹⁰ And Nehemiah continued, “Go and CELEBRATE with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before the Lord. Don’t be dejected or sad, for the JOY of the Lord is your strength!”

- Celebrate what God is doing IN you.
- Celebrate what God is doing THROUGH you.

Q: What’s God doing in you that’s worth celebrating?

3. Remember to Confess.

Nehemiah 9:1-4

¹ On October 31st the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. ² Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. ³ They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the LORD their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the LORD their God. ⁴ The Levites - stood on the stairway of the Levites and cried out to the LORD their God with loud voices.

- Confession is AGREEING with God about what you've done wrong - and COMMITTING to make it right.

Q: What's one thing you need to confess to God?

Q: What's your plan for making it right?

4. Remember to Remember.

Nehemiah 9:5

⁵ Then the leaders of the Levites... called out to the people: "Stand up and praise the LORD your God, for he lives from everlasting to everlasting!" Then they prayed:

- Remember who God IS and what he's DONE.

Who is God?	What has he done?
You're our Creator - 9:6	You did what you promised - 9:8
You're our Lord - 9:7	You heard our cries for help - 9:9
You're our Forgiver - 9:16	You sustained us - 9:21
You're our Helper - 9:22	You defeated our enemies - 9:24
You're our Liberator - 9:27	You rescued us many times - 9:28

5. Remember to Respond.

Nehemiah 9

³⁸ The people *responded*, "In view of all this, we are making a solemn promise and putting it in writing. On this sealed document are the names of our leaders and Levites and priests."

- What you DO for God is a response to what he's already DONE for you.
- You're more likely to keep your PROMISE if you go PUBLIC.

Your Response:

1. What is your God-given vision?

- ▶ For your Self?
- ▶ For your Family?
- ▶ For your Money?
- ▶ For your Career?
- ▶ For your Relationships?
- ▶ For your Ministry?

2. How has God equipped you to accomplish the vision?

- ▶ Gifts and Skills?
- ▶ Personal Journey?
- ▶ Your Position or Location?

3. Why does the vision matter?

- ▶ Who will miss out if you quit or fail?
- ▶ Who will be blessed if you succeed?

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***“We are doing a GREAT WORK
and we can’t come down!”***