



A SEVEN DAY DEVOTIONAL

# RE-MEMBER ME

*Lord, I Have Prayed For Thee*

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*Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.*

**PSALM 25:7**

Seven days. One passage each morning, read slowly and out loud. Then the reflection, then the prayer — and write down what He says.

LIFE CHURCH OF NEW JERSEY

*New Life Starts Here*

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# How To Use These Seven Days

*Ten minutes a morning. That is all this asks of you.*

## READ IT OUT LOUD

Every day opens with Scripture printed in full. Read it aloud before you read anything else on the page. The word is the thing that does the work — the rest is commentary.

## ONE DAY AT A TIME

Do not read ahead. The seven days build on each other, and day seven will not land the way it should if you have already skimmed it on day two.

## WRITE IT DOWN

There are lines at the bottom of every page for a reason. A re-season is worth a record. You will want to read this back a year from now and see what He said.

## BRING IT SUNDAY

Come with your own notes already in hand. The word that gets preached lands differently on a heart that has been sitting with it all week.

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***RE puts back. DIS takes apart. Both are prefixes — neither one can stand alone.***

The enemy dis-members what God assembled. God re-members what the enemy scattered. That is the week in one sentence.

## DAY ONE

# Three Words

*The shortest prayer in the Gospels, and the fastest answer.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

LUKE 23:42-43 KJV

He had no record to appeal to. No ministry. No years left to make anything right. He could not be baptized, he could not serve, he could not give, and he could not come down off the cross he was nailed to.

He had three words. **Lord, remember me.**

And he received the fastest answer anyone received in the Gospels.

But notice what he was actually asking for. He was not asking to be thought about. In Scripture, remembering is never a mental event — when God remembers, God moves. That thief was not asking for a kind thought at the end of a bad life. He was asking to be gathered up and brought in.

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*Three words were enough. They still are.*

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, I do not come with a record. I come with three words. Remember me — not the way I remember myself, but the way You remember Your own.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

What would you ask God to remember about you today?

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## DAY TWO

# Two Prefixes

*RE puts back. DIS takes apart. Neither one can stand alone.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

EZEKIEL 37:11 KJV

There are two prefixes at work in a life, and they pull in opposite directions.

**RE** comes from the Latin and means back, and again. Restore. Rebuild. Renew. Remember. **DIS** comes from the Latin too, and means apart, asunder, away. Disconnect. Discourage. Disown. Disgrace. Disqualify.

Here is what they have in common, and it is the whole lesson: a prefix has no life of its own. It cannot stand alone. It must attach itself to something that already exists.

Which means you cannot disconnect what was never connected. You cannot discourage a man who never had courage. You cannot disqualify somebody who was never qualified. And you cannot dis-member a body that was never assembled.

Read Ezekiel's sentence again. *We are cut off for our parts*. That is not a description of discouragement. That is a description of something that used to be whole.

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***You are not disqualified. You are dis-membered.***

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, show me the difference between what I lost and what was taken apart. I am not asking You to start over. I am asking You to put back.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

*Name one part of your life that feels like a piece instead of a whole.*

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## DAY THREE

# When God Remembers, God Moves

*Watch what happens in the very next sentence.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged.

GENESIS 8:1 KJV

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

EXODUS 2:24-25 KJV

The Hebrew word is **zakar**, and it is never passive. In covenant language, when God remembers, God acts. Read the verse, then read the next thing that happened.

God remembered Noah — and the water went down. God remembered Rachel — and the womb opened. God remembered His covenant — and Egypt lost a nation. The Lord remembered Hannah — and Samuel came.

Not once in all of Scripture does God remember and then do nothing.

So when you pray *Lord, remember me*, understand what you are asking. You are not asking Him to think about you. You are asking Him to move.

***He has never remembered and then done nothing.***

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, You are not a God who merely recalls. You are a God who moves. Remember me the way You remembered Noah, and let something shift.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

*Which promise are you waiting on Him to move on?*

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## DAY FOUR

# Four Words Missing

*He cannot cancel the word. He can only quote it with pieces gone.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

MATTHEW 4:6 — WHAT SATAN QUOTED KJV

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

PSALM 91:11-12 — WHAT IT ACTUALLY SAYS KJV

Read them side by side and count what is gone. **To keep thee in all thy ways.** Four words.

That is not a slip. That is surgery. The entire protection of the verse was in the clause he removed — the angels keep you in *His* ways, not in a stunt off the temple. Cut four words out, and a promise becomes a dare.

It has been his method since the garden. In Genesis 3 he did not deny God's word; he picked it up and moved a piece of it. Two verses later Eve repeats it back already altered — *neither shall ye touch it* — and God never said that.

So he can quote your Bible, your prophecy, the word spoken over you at an altar three years ago — and he will quote it at two in the morning, with pieces missing. Luke says he *taketh away* the word. Not destroys. Not cancels. He carries pieces off and hopes you never go back and read the whole verse.

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***Go back and read the whole verse.***

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, guard my ears against an edited word. When something is quoted to me in the dark, send me back to the text to read all of it.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

*What has been said to you lately that you need to check against the whole verse?*

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## DAY FIVE

# I Have Prayed For Thee

*The intercession went straight to where the collapse was going to be.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

LUKE 22:31-32 KJV

In verse 31 the word *you* is plural — Satan asked for the whole table. In verse 32 it turns singular. **But I have prayed for thee.** Out of twelve men in that room, Jesus named one, and it was the one about to fail the worst.

Now look at what He did not pray. He did not pray that Peter would not fail. He prayed that Peter's faith would not *fail* — the Greek is **ekleipo**, to run out, to be eclipsed. And an eclipse is not the death of the sun. It is something sliding in between for a season.

Then the word that ought to undo us: **when** thou art converted. Not if. He scheduled the return before the departure. While Peter was still swearing he would never deny Him, Jesus was already making arrangements for the morning after.

Hebrews says He *ever liveth* to make intercession. Present tense. That prayer did not end at the resurrection. It is still being prayed — over a name you may have taken off the list yourself.

***He did not pray that Peter would never be eclipsed. He prayed that the sun would not go out.***

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, thank You that while I was in the middle of the worst of it, You were already praying on the other side of it. Let not my faith fail.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

*Where do you need to believe that Someone was already praying you through?*

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## DAY SIX

# And Peter

*Heaven put his name in the resurrection announcement.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

MARK 16:7 KJV

He denied Him three times. By the third one Matthew says he began to curse and to swear. Then the rooster crowed, the Lord turned and looked at him, and Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Three days later an angel at an empty tomb gives a message, and adds two words that were not necessary. **And Peter.**

Peter was a disciple. Naming him separately is like saying *tell the choir, and tell the soprano*. It is redundant — unless heaven knew something about the condition of that man's mind.

Peter no longer believed he belonged in that category. If the message had only said *tell the disciples*, he would have heard it and assumed it was not for him anymore.

So God said his name out loud at a resurrection.

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***Hell keeps the receipt that God already tore up. Heaven kept the name.***

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, I have taken my own name off lists You never removed it from. Say it again over me. Put me back in the category I walked out of.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

*Is there a category you have quietly stopped believing you belong to?*

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## DAY SEVEN

# Bone To His Bone

*God rebuilds the frame before He restores the fire.*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

EZEKIEL 37:7-8 KJV

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

EZEKIEL 37:10 KJV

God asked one question in that valley: *can these bones live?* Ezekiel did not survey the damage. He said, *O Lord GOD, thou knowest.*

Then came the instruction, and it is the whole message in one line: **prophesy upon these bones — hear the word of the LORD.** The enemy dis-members by taking the word away. God re-members by putting the word back.

And watch the order. Bone. Sinew. Flesh. Skin. *Then* breath. If nothing feels alive yet, but things that had no business connecting are connecting — you are not stuck. You are in the structural part of it.

And carry this out of the week. God does forget — He is specific about what. *I will not remember thy sins.* But of you He says: *yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.* He did not write your name where it can be lost. He cut it into His own hands — and when Peter finally saw Him again, the holes were still there.

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***Bone to bone is not the miracle. The breath is.***

## PRAY THIS

*Lord, re-member me. Bring back every word You ever gave me — the ones quoted to me with pieces missing, put the pieces back. Set bone to bone. And then breathe.*

## WRITE IT DOWN

*What are you asking God to breathe on this week?*

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## AFTER THE SEVEN DAYS

# Carry It In

*What you prayed this week is not finished when the week is.*

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

HEBREWS 7:25 KJV

He ever liveth. Present tense. The prayer that held Peter at the table has never once stopped being prayed, and it did not begin the day you noticed it.

So do not close this booklet and go back to reading your life as a pile of parts. Go back through the lines you wrote. Somewhere in that handwriting is a word you had stopped repeating because it embarrassed you to keep saying it out loud.

Say it again. Not one word of His good promise has failed — and a word that died did not come from Him in the first place. If it was His, it is still in the record, settled in heaven, waiting to be spoken over dry bones one more time.

You were not disqualified. You were dis-membered. And He is the God who puts the members back.

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*Lord, re-member me.*

## KEEP PRAYING THESE

**Psalm 25:6-7** *According to thy mercy remember thou me.*

**Psalm 106:4** *Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people.*

**Judges 16:28** *O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once.*

**Nehemiah 13:31** *Remember me, O my God, for good.*

**Luke 23:42** *Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*