



ENTER God's presence

Psalm 77:3-5,10-12

- ³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.
- ⁴ You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.
- ⁵ I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago;
- ¹⁰ Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.
- ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
- ¹² I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

Pray: Gracious God, we come before You remembering Your goodness through all generations. When life feels uncertain, remind us of Your mighty deeds, of the times You have shown mercy, provided hope, and kept Your promises. As we open Your Word together, stir our memories and our hearts. Help us to see how You have been at work in our own stories and in the story of Your people. Teach us to honour what You have done in the past, to recognise Your presence in this moment, and to trust Your faithfulness for the future. AMEN



SHARE life together

1. What are your highs and lows since you last met?
2. Who is one person from your past who helped to encourage or nurture you in your faith? How did they do that?
3. What's one memory you have of growing up that you wish you could revisit or replicate today?

Week beginning:
Monday 27th October 2025

Worship series:
10,000 Reasons...
#1 For Honouring The Past?



VERSE for the week

**"I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."**

Psalm 77:11-12



REMEMBER this week

We honour God's faithfulness in the past by trusting him and joining him in what he is doing now.

This week we begin a new sermon series called 10,000 reasons; and yes, we did steal that name from the worship song of the same name. Hopefully you will see the connection as we explore this series together. It's a shorter series but will take us on a journey through time. Not in a 'Doctor Who' or 'Back To The Future' kind of way, there are certainly no time machines involved. However, our God is a God of all history and he exists even outside of time. God's word has quite a lot to say about how we should relate to the past, present, and future as God's people and so we will begin this week by exploring 10,000 reasons to honour the past.

I'm sure it happens in every generation but as I have watched my own children grow up recently, I have found myself reflecting on my own childhood and can't help but think that life was better, simpler and slower back in the 1980's and 90's. I realise I must be getting old as I have now begun saying things like, "back when I was your age" and "back in the good old days..." I can get nostalgic for the past and wish that my own children could see and experience what life was like back then and see for themselves what their mother and I mean when we say life was simpler and better back then.

God's word encourages us to look back and remember what God has done for us in the past. It also tells us to honour and respect those who are walking the path ahead of us and who take seriously the task of leading the next generation further into God's grace. However there are also some warnings about the past. So, let's revisit Psalm 77 from the previous page and then read **2 Timothy 1:3-7** [HERE](#) or in your own Bible.

4. **Try to summarise the main idea of these passages.**
5. **What verse/concept/teaching in these readings caught your attention and what was challenging/confronting/comforting about them for you?**
6. **In the wider context of Psalm 77, the psalmist is in the middle of some kind of difficult or challenging circumstances. How can remembering what God has done in the past help us to navigate the challenging and difficult seasons of life?**
7. **As Paul writes to Timothy, he mentions on numerous occasions his own ancestors and those who have passed faith and traditions on to the next generation and he gives thanks for them. How well do you think we honour and give thanks for the efforts of those who have walked ahead of us in life today?**



We remember because memory strengthens faith – it reminds us who God is and what he has already done. But the Bible's kind of remembering isn't about clinging to what was; it's about trusting God for what's still to come. The psalmist in Psalm 77 recalls God's mighty deeds to rekindle hope in a present moment of struggle, while Paul reminds Timothy of the faith handed down through his family so that he will "*fan into flame*" God's gift in his own life. Remembering God's faithfulness is meant to move us forward, not hold us back.

8. **What is the difference between *remembering* the past and *honouring* the past? How do these passages help us see the difference?**
9. **Paul tells Timothy to '*fan into flame the gift of God*' What do you think is the 'gift of God' Paul is talking about and what do you think Paul meant when he told Timothy to 'fan it into flame'?**
10. **Can you think of an example — in your life or in the life of our church — where holding too tightly to the past might have made it harder to see what God was doing in the present? What could faithful remembering look like instead?**



LIVE purposefully

MAKE IT REAL:

As we remember God's faithfulness, we're invited to carry that same faithfulness into our own lives. Remembering isn't just about gratitude — it's also about participation. God is still writing His story in and through us. The same Spirit who worked through past generations now works in you. God might repeat some of what he has done in the past, but more than likely God has a bigger plan that specifically deals with what is ahead of us because he has already dealt with what is behind us.

11. **What ways can we acknowledge and hold onto the essential things that have been passed onto us through our Christian church tradition, but remain open to what new things God might want to do with us and among us?**
12. **In 2 Timothy, we see the faith being taught and passed on from one generation to the next both through family and also in a mentoring relationship from Paul to Timothy. Who has God placed in your life who he might be asking you to encourage and pass the faith onto? How might you be more intentional in doing that this week?**
13. **What is one story of God's faithfulness – from scripture, history, or your own life – that you could retell this week to encourage or remind someone else of God's goodness?**

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PRAY intentionally

- **Praise the Father**, for his faithfulness through all generations and the gifts that he gives each generation to pass on to and strengthen the next.
- **Thank Jesus** for making God's faithfulness personal – for his saving work in the past and his continued presence with us today.
- **Ask the Holy Spirit** to help you remember God's works rightly - with gratitude, not nostalgia – and to fan into flame the gifts he has given you for today.
- Pray for all of LifeWay as we continue to grow into God's plans and purpose for us as his people as we live his love, share his hope with all, and grow in grace together.



BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], May God fan into flame the gift of faith which has been given to you. Amen.