

Family Matters



FAMILY MATTERS

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PSALM 78:1-8

SUNDAY REFRESHER

We can remember what happened and still forget what it meant. We know the stories. We remember the answered prayers, the unexpected provision, and the seasons when God carried us through. But then another crisis comes, and we panic like we've never seen Him come through before. Psalm 78 challenges us to consider whether what we remember about God actually shapes how we live. Does His past faithfulness influence how we face today's uncertainty? Remembering goes deeper than knowing the facts. It changes where we put our hope.

And those memories are meant to be shared. God calls His people to tell the next generation what He has done so they can learn to trust Him, too. That responsibility reaches beyond parents and grandparents. We are a church family with stories worth passing on. Stories of answered prayer, grace after failure, and God's presence when life hurt. We cannot tell the next generation exactly how their struggles will turn out, but we can help them know the God who will meet them there. When one generation remembers God's faithfulness, the next generation learns to hope in Him.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

- *What did God say to you through this passage and teaching?*
- *Did God reveal anything new to you?*
- *How is this relevant in your journey to make disciples who Love God and Love people?*



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QUESTIONS

- *Where are you struggling to let God's past faithfulness shape how you face your present circumstances?*
- *What story of God's faithfulness in your life does the next generation need to hear?*
- *How will you help someone in the next generation learn to put their hope in God this week?*

CONCLUSION

What will the people coming behind us know about God because they knew us? They may know our opinions, our routines, and the things that frustrate us. Let's make sure they also know why we trust Him. We don't need polished testimonies or stories with every loose end tied up. We can honestly say, "That season was hard. I didn't understand everything. But God was faithful, and here's how He carried me."

This week, remember something worth telling, and tell someone who needs to hear it. Share the answered prayer. Talk about the grace you received. Explain what helped you keep trusting when the answer looked different than you hoped. Above all, point to Jesus and the empty tomb. Our hope rests in the Savior who defeated death. One day, another generation will face its own uncertainty. Let's give them reasons to remember His faithfulness and put their hope in Him.

Knowing that life transformation happens best through intentional, meaningful relationships, don't let this week's sermon remain as mere information. In the next few days, look for ways to teach, challenge, encourage and/or pray about what you're discovering!

