



"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

Søren Kierkegaard

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11 NIV) In matters of faith every generation has to begin again.

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WHOLEHEARTED, FULL-BODIED, COVENENT COMMITMENT, AND FAITHFULNESS.

Moses addresses this problem in Deuteronomy 8. He uses the figure of forgetting God to describe the danger we face (8:11, 14, 19).

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What really counts in life is that at some time you have seen something, felt something, which is so great, so matchless, that everything else is nothing by comparison, that even if you forgot everything, you would never forget this.

Søren Kierkegaard, Journals and Papers



How to avoid the danger of forgetting the Lord as we move forward into our next 40 years as Community Bible Church.



1.Be Careful to **OBEY** (8:1, 6, 11)

"obedience is not a momentary option . . . it is a die-cast decision made beforehand."

Nate Saint

When God puts a period, do not change it to a question mark.



2. Remember the times of TESTING (8:2-6)







3. Remember to <u>PRAISE</u> the Lord for His <u>BLESSINGS</u> (8:7-10)

What can God have that gives him greater satisfaction than that a thousand times a day all his creatures should thus pause to withdraw and worship him in the heart.

Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God



4. Beware of PROSPERITY (8:11-20)

HIGH places, and God's praise, do seldom agree: a full cup is not easily carried without spilling: he that stands on a pinnacle needs a clear head and much grace.

C.H. Spurgeon

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:15-17

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Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Revelation 2:5

ESV



What does forgetting God look like?:

- 1. Our obedience becomes selective
- 2. Testing breeds bitterness rather than trust
- 3. We "FORGET" to Give regular praise to God for His Blessings
- 4. We "ALLOW" His blessings to produce pride instead of gratefulness