

# Hopeful Memory

*a Memorial Day Message*

## SERMON NOTES

May 26, 2024

### “Hopeful Memory”

*Joshua 4:1-9; Psalm 77:1-2, 7-12, 105:5;  
Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
Matthew 26:29; John 14 (selected verses)*



#### I. Introduction

- A. The loss of \_\_\_\_\_ is a sad thing, it erases our personal history and past experiences.
- B. Sometimes we are \_\_\_\_\_ because we neglect that which has gone before us and become inattentive to those who have preceded us.
- C. On Memorial Day, we are called upon to \_\_\_\_\_ and respect those who have died and sacrificed their lives for our country.

#### II. The Importance of Remembering in Scripture

- A. If we forget the value of our heritage and the source of our blessings, it will become very easy for us to take for \_\_\_\_\_ all that we have.
- B. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith to our children and help them remember what God has done.
- C. Remembering what God has done in the \_\_\_\_\_ helps us in difficult times.

#### III. Hopeful Memory

- A. Sometimes we are tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ days gone by.
- B. The Lord’s Supper is a \_\_\_\_\_ memorial.
- C. We live in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ and we believe that death will not be the end.

#### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *May 27 – June 1, 2024*

## INTRODUCTION

Memorial Day is a day when we are called upon to remember and respect those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Although the holiday is not expressly religious, it can serve to promote a value that is elevated throughout the Scriptures, that value being the importance of remembrance.

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### Monday: Joshua 4:1-9

In this passage, God had parted the waters of the Jordan River so that the Israelites could cross over to the promised land. After crossing over to the other side, Joshua asked that a simple monument be built to commemorate the wondrous event. What are some ways you remember what the Lord has done for you?

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### Tuesday: Psalm 77:1-12

Psalm 77 teaches us this to reflect on God and His wonders, and remembering His gracious actions in the past so it can help reassure us even when we have questions. Remembering what God has done in the past can help us through crisis by reassuring us that He has been faithful in the past, is faithful in the present, and will be faithful in the future. When you go through crises does it help to remember what God did for you in another time of crisis? Why?

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### Wednesday: Deuteronomy 6:6-9

This passage records what God told the people of Israel after he gave them the commandments. God is clear about the importance of teaching our children our faith. What are some ways you have taught your children about your faith? If you have adult children has this led them to a life of faith? Why or why not?

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### Thursday: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In this passage, the apostle Paul recounts how Jesus instituted the sacrament of communion. Is taking communion important to you? Why or why not? In the sermon, Pastor Eric said the Lord's supper is a "hopeful memorial". Do you agree or disagree?

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### Friday: John 14

This passage takes place the night before the crucifixion. Jesus knows what is going to happen to him the next day and he tries to prepare his disciples for his departure. So he says those famous words "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Why should we not let our hearts be troubled about death?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Throughout scripture we see the importance of remembering. However, too often we are tempted to glorify the past. The problem with looking back to a 'Golden Age' is that we distort the past and we come to believe that the best days of life have already gone by. Scripture calls us to hopeful memory. The Lord's Supper is a hopeful memorial: it helps us remember what the Lord did in the past, but it propels us into the future. This Memorial Day, focus on hopeful memory in light of the resurrection of Jesus.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) memory, B) forgetful, C) remember. IIA) granted, B) teach, IIC) past. IIIA) glorify, B) hopeful, C) resurrection.*