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Weekly Devotional

## **We Will Remember**

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I'm getting older and I've been told that soon memories will start escaping like a thin stream of smoke dispersed by a light spring wind. I suppose there are some memories to which I would gladly say goodbye, but there are so many I would be sad to lose. Chasing lightning bugs through the dusk of an Illinois summer evening. Camping out in the grass behind the church my dad pastored. Filling with water a clean metal trash can to use as a mini-swimming pool. Taking a nap in the back window of an old Dodge (before the seat-belt laws, of course). Seeing my wife, Robin, for the first time. That first kiss. The first person who passed out at our wedding. The second person that passed out at our wedding. Too many memories to mention. It is amazing, though, how easy it is to forget.

This weekend people across this great land will remember the valiant efforts of soldiers and first responders who constantly put their lives on the line for the cause of freedom. I hope each of them understands we will never forget their sacrifice, their dedication and their passion to fight for the freedom of individuals they will never meet. I want to join with millions of others and say, "Thank you." I know it's not enough, but "Thank you!" I pray God's blessing upon each of you as you face unseen enemies and put yourself in harm's way for my family and me.

It is so important to remember. Let me leave you with this thought: Of all the things it is possible to forget, the one thing we should fight to remember is the one thing that makes the biggest difference in our lives every day and even into eternity -- the name of the LORD. The Psalmist wrote: Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God (Psalm 20:7). This is not just some dry recollection of a phonetic pronunciation. This is a memory that calls to mind the mighty things God has done in our lives. I remember how He saved me, how He raised me, how He healed me, how He filled me... and it makes me want to shout! When I remember His name, I remember His power. That's something I never want to forget!

**Prayer:** Almighty God, there is no one like You. You have breathed life into me and You continually fill my days with joy! I will never forget You... Your Name... and the power that You constantly demonstrate in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**Point to Ponder:** Do you remember the day He saved you?



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