



# REMEMBERING GOD

## *in changing of seasons*

As the Israelites built a Memorial with stones to help them remember the deliverance of the Lord when they moved from the wilderness to the Promised Land (Joshua 3-4), so we want to remember the ways of the Lord in this changing of seasons. This is not to negate or hold at bay the questions and laments that have been cried out. This is an invitation to take inventory of how God has been present and active even, perhaps especially, in the midst of suffering and lament. Take time, find space and ask God to help you remember.

### IN PREPARATION

*"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." 2 Chronicles 20:12*

1

Am I distancing from God or drawing near?



2

What does turning your eyes to Jesus look like for you?



3

Are you able to do that now?



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For Jesus, [the garden] was both a place of anguish and empowering, pleading and submission, peace and no peace, fear and trust. A garden can be a contradiction of space.

*Cheryl Kueger, May 17*

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Do you have a special meeting place with God?



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Find a space now that can be a helpful place to listen for God's voice as you continue with these questions. You need a garden too. Let this time and space now be a place to both wrestle and surrender to God. Like Jesus, we can't do hard stuff without our Heavenly Father.

# TAKING INVENTORY: GOD'S PRESENCE + GIFTS

*"Here's the one thing I crave from God, the one thing I seek above all else. I want the privilege of living with him every moment in his house, finding the sweet loveliness of his face, filled with awe, delighting in his glory and grace." Psalm 27:4*

**1** What have you been reminded of or come to know of God through these last two months?

**“**Our hope is rooted in what we know about God.**”**

*Dan Sadouske, April 11*

**2** What scriptures have been highlighted with new life and forcefulness?



**3** How have you sensed God's spirit speaking into your life? What has God been saying?

**“**Have you noticed through your day a gentle tug on your heart drawing your attention to prayer...This is the Holy Spirit calling out to you as deep calls out to deep.**”**

*Ingrid Hoogenboom, May 10*

**4** What work has been monotonous in this season? As you look back, were there gifts in the monotony?

**5** Did you see Jesus in the ones you were able to see/serve/interact with?



**6** What gifts have you found in the presence of God?



*notes*

# — WRITING ON STONES —

“In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord’s hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever.”

Joshua 4:21-24

WRITE DOWN THE WAYS YOU HAVE SEEN GOD PRESENT AND SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF HIS CHARACTER.



Paint rocks + put  
them in your  
garden.



Write it on sticky  
notes + put it up on  
the wall.



Draw pictures  
with your kids +  
hang them up

BE CREATIVE AND BUILD A MEMORIAL INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME SO THAT YOU AND THOSE THAT ENTER YOUR HOME WILL BE REMINDED OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS. LET THIS INSPIRE HOPE AS YOU LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

1

How has God: Father, Son,  
Holy Spirit, been active in your  
life in these last two months?



2

What characteristics of God  
have been significant to you?



3

What gifts have you received,  
even in the middle of your  
suffering and lament?



4

What hope do you have as  
you look to the future?



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