REMEMBER: CT

Great to be here.

***PIC WEDDING DAY

<mark>Linzi:</mark> John Muir

Theme of Remembering throughout Gods word....God wanted the Israelites to grasp this theme.

Isaiah 46:9

"Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me."

DEUT 5:15

"You shall <u>remember</u> that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm..." **DEUT 7:18**

"you shall well <u>remember</u> what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt"

1 Chron 16:12

"Remember His wonderful deeds which he has done, his marvels and the judgments from his mouth"

Deut 8:2

"You shall <u>remember</u> all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that he might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not."

Eph 2:11-13 Remember your old way of life & what Christ has done for you.

1./YOU WANT YOUR FAITH TO GROW REMEMBER YOUR PAST VICTORIES / BLESSINGS

Q: Why is it easier at times to focus on past failures / disappointments / mistakes THAN past Victories or Blessings?

We can be so hard on ourselves.

Teens / campus students....are u more focused on 1 bad test result...or your progress.

Q: what do u think about most of the time?

- I'm not good enough
- U see I don't have enough Faith
- My relationships are shallow
- I'm not affective for God
- I'm failing as a spouse (when u were happy in marriage, what were u doing.)
- Feel discouraged, the people I share my faith with aren't becoming disciples.

Rms 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Mind focused on Christ / Identity / who u are in Christ.....

Q:How did David defeat Goliath?...Remembered his past Victories (Lion & Bear)....Now he had something to springboard his faith.STREAM CHOSE 5 SMOOTH STONES

Our past Victories are <u>STEPPING STONES</u> to even greater Future blessings.

ILL: Berg River

We ROB ourselves of Future Blessings....Satan scheme.

Q: What are your favorite smooth stones? We need to talk about faith victories. You got miracles.

Write down your top 5 miracle stories.

God Pursue's us.

Linzi...."With my God I can scale a wall." Ps 18

My 5 Smooth stones ... use to encourage my faith.

- 1./ My Conversion... walking down street London / foreigners /
- 2./ Our 1st jobs....Tues...Pharmacy / Financial accountant
- 3./Water shed prayer on farm...parents
- 4./Converting Linzi & Shelley
- 5./Zambia....Twaambo

2./YOU WANT YOUR FAITH TO GROW REMEMBER GODS WORD:

John 15:20"Remember the word that I said to you,

DIG DEEPER IN THE WORD:

Q: When u think of food....what do u think about?

Q: When u think of God's word what do u think about?

BORING / SET RULES / USEFUL AT TIMES / NOT CONSISTENT IN MY LIFE / RITUAL

OR: LIVING / ACTIVE / POWERFUL / GOD TALKING

Rms 10:17 "Consequently faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of God"

HEARING?

Lisa says Duncs u not hearing me? (Attentive Listening)

<u>Culture of how is your QT</u>....GREAT. Deeper than that....HEARING GOD.

Do I see Gods CHARACTER
Do I see Gods DREAMS
Do I see Gods PROMISES
(I don't hear God!!!....through Word, sometimes through people)...someone trying to help u love / worldliness / choices, seeking 1st the kingdom

OPEN MY EYES TO YOUR WORD:

Ps 119:18 " Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law (word)."

God help me to see what u want me to see, to learn, to grow in, to be convicted about.

OPEN MY MIND AS I READ YOUR WORD:

Luke 24:45 "Then he Opened their Minds that they could understand the scriptures."

• God take away all distractions & give me a clear Godly mind to hear, understand and be obedient to what you showing me in the Word.

OPEN MY HEART TO YOUR WORD:

Acts 16:14 "The Lord Opened her Heart to respond to Paul's message."

• God trigger me from the Heart....I want to change from within as I read your Word.

Eph 1:"I pray that the Eyes of your Heart may be enlightened...."

• Pray that Hearts (eyes of the heart....the heart wants to be lead in the right direction), will be the direction with the emotions that God wants

us to have.

OPEN MY EARS TO YOUR WORD:

Isa 50:4-5 "He awakens me morning by morning, awakens my Ear to Listen like one being instructed.

The Sovereign Lord has **Opened my Ears**..."

• Father please help me to hear your Holy Spirit talking to me, help me to listen to it as I read and study your Word.

NO MAGIC FORMULA...."CONSISTENCY IS RADICAL"

 Do u share with close friends this is what God is speaking to me about. (Promptings of HS)

CONC:

There is so much power in REMEMBERING and this is a way that will increase your FAITH.

- Blessings & Past Victories
- Getting into Gods word.