

Forgetfulness
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Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. Exodus 1:8

How often do our problems stem from our own forgetfulness? If you asked my wife what many of our conflicts stem from, she would probably tell you it is due to my forgetfulness - and that's absolutely true! When we forget the things we are supposed to do, whether they are large tasks or not, it inevitably leads to confusion, frustration, and hurt feelings.

Biblically, this is true as well. As we look at the book of Exodus we discover that the oppression of the Israelites began when there emerged a ruler of Egypt who did not know Joseph. In other words, Egypt's rulers had forgotten that God worked through Israel in order to save not just God's chosen people, but the entire nation.

The good news is that God's faithfulness emerges toward us in spite of our frequent forgetfulness. When God remembers His chosen people and acts to save them it is a strong reminder of the way that God continually works immense blessings on our behalf even when we are undeserving and forgetful.

What do you find yourself forgetting about in your faith life? Are there ways that you can challenge yourself to remember the wonderful works of God?