

Remembering  
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When we were younger the stories we heard were fresh and new. We never knew if the prince was going to save the princess, whether the dragon was going to be slain, or if the villain would be defeated by the hero. When we heard the climax and the pay offs of those stories we were filled with wonder, excitement, and were in awe at the majesty of it all.

But we grew up, and the stories that we so marveled at when we were young faded. They were still there, but the wonder was gone. We knew how the prince was going to save the princess, we knew the dragon was going to be slain, and we knew the hero would fly off into the sunset smiling at the camera after defeating the villain. We still liked the stories, but the wonder was gone. We remembered them, but we forgot the wonder associated with them.

It is the same with our faith. When we heard the story of Moses and the plagues for the first time, we were filled with wonder and maybe a bit of fear of God's awesome power. When we heard of God providing mana for His people in the wilderness, we were overcome with awe of God's love for His people. When we heard the stories of Jesus' miracles and teachings, we were inspired by the mighty works of God and moved by His teachings. But if we just leave them there, in the past, stories only for kids, they become just the same as any story for us. And when they just become childhood Sunday school lessons and nothing more, then the true wonder they have dims within us.

And yet God calls us to remember them. For in remembering them they do not grow stale, but grow even more fresh and wonderful. The Psalmist writes, "Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in Him...He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful." (Psalm 111:2, 4) The works of the Lord, the stories of His people and what He does, are meant to be re-read, to be recited over and over, to be studied and meditated on.

Unlike the stories of this world, they do not grow wearisome but instead grow more and more personal. When we meditate on the Word of God, the stories of His people and His redemptive work, we grow closer to Him and begin to understand that these stories are ours; about a God who loves us, who cares for us, and establishes us as His beloved children forever.