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Never Forget

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Series: Possessing the Promises of God - Learning from the Past,
Leaning into the Future

Central Passage

Deuteronomy 8:11–14 (ESV) — **11** "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, **12** lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, **13** and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, **14** then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,

Central Thought: Regarding God's faithfulness...forgetfulness leads to arrogance; arrogance leads to idolatry, and idolatry leads to death.

- ❖ Difficulties and deprivations are a form of discipline that teach us to depend on God. (Deut. 8:1-2)

Hebrews 12:7–10 (NIV) — **7** Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? **8** If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. **9** Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! **10** They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

- ❖ God's Word is our ultimate source of security, supply and salvation. (Deut. 8:3-10)

Matthew 4:1–4 (ESV) — **1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written, " **'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'** "

John 6:35 (ESV) — **35** Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**"

Quote: "One who possesses the Word, who is almighty God, needs nothing and never lacks any of the things he desires, for the Word is an infinite possession and the source of all of our wealth."
Clement of Alexandria – c.150-215 A.D.

- ❖ The detour to destruction begins when we forget to thank God in the good times. (Deut. 11-20)

James 1:16–18 (NLT) — **16** So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. **17** Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. **18** He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

Romans 1:21–25 (ESV) — **21** For although they knew God, **they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. **24** Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.