

May 27 | Sunday
Celebrate the Memories
Read [Esther 9:23-28](#)



28 | Mon – A famous 180 | Read [Esther 4:5-16 and 9:26-88](#)

Esther's humility and willingness to put herself in harm's way averted the genocide of her people. The day of disaster became instead a day of celebration which continues for the Jewish people to this present time. Only God can do this through a surrendered human being, who would not take the glory for herself. What is your story? When has God helped you turned a 'day of disaster' into a 'day of celebration'?

29 | Tue – Things are not always as they seem | Read [Romans 8:28-39](#)

The ability to remember is a gift but can sometimes be painful. While past events cannot be changed, how we interpret them can. Two people may experience the same type of tragedy. Then one will heal and grow while the other person seems to get stuck. What is the difference between them? Could it be connected to the idea in these verses? Each of us has a choice: to believe that God is good or He is not, that God is at work in our lives or that He does not really understand or care. Which perspective will you take?

30 | Wed – Invaluable words | Read [Romans 15:4 / 1 Corinthians 10:11-12](#)

God has a past. The stories of what He did for others have been preserved for our benefit. Paul gives several reasons why they were important then and why they are also important to us today. These stories encourage and give us hope. They show us examples to follow and warnings so we do not repeat the mistakes of others. What have you learned from Scripture recently and applied to your life to help make a better story for you to pass on?

31 | Thu – Not in vain | Read [John 15:12-13](#)

Less than 200 soldiers faced the advancing army of thousands. Each was given the choice to leave while they could. Only one did. The rest stayed and fought and died. "Remember the Alamo" became the rallying cry and thousands more came to take their place. As believers, our call is to "Remember the cross" as we lay down our self-centered plans to follow Jesus' example. Will you 'lay down your life' today for someone Jesus loves?

01 | Fri – Remembering two kinds of freedom | Read [Luke 22:19 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

Once a year we set aside time to honor those who died fighting for freedom. And once a year we also set aside a day to remember the Man whose death resulted in our spiritual freedom. But Jesus is so much more than Easter. In what way *today* could you remember and honor his sacrifice by your words and actions? And who in your circle of influence needs to hear about the freedom they can have because of this Man's death? Be ready to share the hope you have received as doors of conversation open.

02 | Sat – Who would have guessed? | Read [Isaiah 55:6-11](#)

The memorable words "what we do in life [today] echoes in eternity" (from *Gladiator*) express a sometimes forgotten truth. Focusing only on the results we see here and now can cause us to miss the impact of our actions on the future. Jesus' life was relatively short but he created memories that changed his closest followers and outlasted their lifetimes. Were they perfect people? No. Did they change the world forever? Yes. Will God do the same with your life if you ask? Absolutely!