

Exodus 15:1-21 Nostalgic Faith

- 1. The sermon introduces the idea of a "nostalgic faith," where we remember God's past faithfulness. What is a significant memory from your life where you first saw God at work, similar to the pastor's experience at Ness Lake Bible Camp? How can we intentionally cultivate a "nostalgic faith" in our daily lives?
- 2. The Israelites sang "Moses and Miriam's Song" after being saved from slavery in Egypt. The sermon states that music can be a great memory tool. What songs (worship songs, hymns, or even other genres) help you remember God's faithfulness, and why?
- 3. The sermon highlights that we are "prone to wander" and forget God, just as the Israelites did. What are some modern-day "idols" that can distract us from keeping God at the forefront of our minds? How can we be more mindful of these distractions in our own lives?
- 4. Deuteronomy 6 contains the Shema, which instructs the Israelites to remember God's commands daily by talking about them and writing them on their doorframes. What are some practical, daily habits we can adopt to remember God's commands and work in our lives?
- 5. The sermon mentions that God's faithfulness is countered by our forgetfulness, and that He "will not forget you". How does remembering God's unwavering faithfulness impact your own faith journey, especially during times when you feel discouraged or forgotten?
- 6. Sharing stories of God's faithfulness can serve as a reminder to both ourselves and others. The pastor encourages us not to remember alone. Who is one person you can share a story of God's faithfulness with this week, and what story will you share?
- 7. The sermon mentions that God's rescue of the Israelites was not based on their obedience. The Psalmist reflects on Israel's forgetfulness but notes that God saved them "for his name's sake". How does understanding that God's faithfulness is not dependent on our actions change your perspective on your relationship with Him?