Remember the Basics

It's easy to be drawn to or distracted by the new and improved. But God is unchanging and as we reflect on Christ's journey to the cross during the season of Lent, it benefits us to remember the basic truths about who God is, what he's done, and how much he loves us so we might return to our fundamental calling and give him the worship and glory due his name.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What do you think are the basic, fundamental truths of the Christian faith?
- Why do you think it can be difficult to remember the basic things in life? Why is it important to remember these basic things?



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READ Isaiah 43

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- During this season of Lent, why is it important to remember God as our creator as we reflect on Christ as our redeemer?
- Where do you see the behavior of Christians discrediting God in the eyes of the world? How do these observations affect your choice of words and actions as a believer?
- In what ways do you ensure balance between new and old in your worship and faith? Do you ever spend time studying new songs, hymns, Bible studies, etc to be sure the theology and teaching are accurate and consistent with your beliefs? If you were to do so, what criteria would you use to evaluate them?
- Do you find it more challenging to remember that God is your creator or your redeemer? Why? Find a verse meaningful to you about God as creator or as redeemer, whichever you find more challenging to remember. Write out the verse and place it somewhere it can serve as a reminder to help you remember the basics.

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Hosea 11:1-11, Deuteronomy 6, Isaiah 48

CONCLUSION

Find time during this season of Lent to read and reflect on the Apostles' Creed, which tells the basic foundations of our faith. As you prepare for Easter by journeying with Jesus to the cross, discuss with someone all the places in the creation story and the redemption story where you see God's unconditional love. Then together, through prayer, song, or discussion give God the praise and glory he deserves.

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