

Mark the Day

Exodus 12:14-48

As you read these verses, you might wonder what they have to do with your Christian walk today and how you can learn anything about raising children from them. But these few verses are just a taste of a theme that recurs throughout scripture. From rainbows, tassels, stones, bread and wine, to the Passover, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost and even the Sabbath, these are just the beginning of the ways God told His people to remember.

God knew that the days would get tough, the world would forget He saved them from a flood, so He sent a rainbow to be a reminder of His love and his promise to never destroy the earth by water again. He realized that in our humanness, living the drudgery of the day to day, it would be easy to forget to celebrate His goodness, so He gave His people Feasts and Festivals.

The Jewish people have added Purim, Rosh Hashana and Hanukkah to remind them of the times God has blessed them. Christians have set aside Christmas, Easter, Lent and Advent as places on the calendar to stop and celebrate the awesome works of our Father in Heaven.

What about your life? What days do you have to help you remember the good times? When life becomes overwhelming, what symbol do you cherish that gives you hope and takes your thoughts to a happier more blessed day?

On those days when your children are driving you nuts, how might your outlook change if on the date of their birth each month you set aside time to remember what it was like to hold that baby for the very first time? Would your relationship with your spouse change if on the monthly recurrence of your husband's birthdate you chose to spend the day thanking God for him?

What about the symbols that are a part of your daily routine? When you look at your wedding ring, are you reminded of the devotion you felt on that day you received this token of a promise of forever? Do the pictures on your refrigerator remind you that the one who just spilled grape juice on the white carpet loves you more than you can imagine? Every moment of your day can include these symbols and signs to help you put life in perspective and help you remember there's much that is good even when life is rocky.

God set in motion many days for remembrance. He set the standard for symbols to remind us of His goodness. Each piece of jewelry, every day that passes by can be an opportunity to remember the goodness of God, the beauty of His creation and the gift that He's given you in your children and spouse. So, go ahead, mark the day. Make today the day you remember!