

GOD REMEMBERS

Generational God (I Chronicles 1-10)

Memory Verse: "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." I Chronicles 29:11



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- Chronicles (First and Second Chronicles) is the last book in the Hebrew Bible because God wants His people to know that He has been their God for generations before and will be for the coming generations.
 - 1 Chronicles 1:1
 - God takes His people all the way back to Creation and then brings them to their current time of returning from the Babylonian captivity. God has been faithful throughout all of their generations.
 - Adam-Seth-Noah-Shem-Abraham-Isaac-Israel
 - Genesis 12:2-3
 - Matthew 1:1
 - Behind every name is a person, behind every person is a generation, behind every generation is a story/promise, and behind every story/promise is God
1. God remembers people, even when people forget Him
 - I Chronicles 4:9-10
 - Jabez's honor was seen, rewarded, and recorded by God in the middle of this record of generations. God will not forget you!
 - Hebrews 6:10
 2. Man's Failure cannot prevent God's Faithfulness throughout Generations
 - 1 Chronicles 2:3
 - As the first born, Er should have been the lineage to David, but his sin cost him his life and his lineage
 - 1 Chronicles 2:15; 3:1
 - David is chosen (the seventh son of Jesse) as the king, from whose lineage the King (Jesus) would come (Luke 3:31,38 and Revelation 22:16)
 - 1 Chronicles 5:25
 - Even a whole **generation** of family can be wrong, yet God is faithful throughout all generations
 - 1 Chronicles 9:1
 - Even a whole **nation** can be wrong, yet God is faithful throughout all generations
 3. God can break generational curses when His people return to Him
 - 1 Chronicles 9:2,34

- Notice it was the priests, the Levites, and the temple servants that led the way back to their God-given land
 - Jeremiah 29:10
- God warns against failure to follow Him through the curse
 - 1 Chronicles 10:13-14
- Saul refused to return to God, and it cost him everything; even the loss of his generational impact. Paul turned to God after persecuting Jesus, and his generational impact continues today.
- What will your generations know about our generational God that will help them pursue Jesus more?
- Live your story well so others will tell your story to point to JESUS

Questions:

1. Read 1 Chronicles 1-3; Psalm 78:5-7; 2 Timothy 1:5. What spiritual inheritance have you received, and what are you doing with it? Who taught you about Jesus and how did they model it for you? Who is an example for you to follow and who is one for you to avoid? What is the significance of 1 Chronicles 1:19? What division (hint: think languages)? What impact will your life make on the next generation?
2. Read 1 Chronicles 5:25-26; John 1:12-13; Romans 10:9-10. Where are you tempted to trust your heritage instead of personally trusting God? Israel had a remarkable spiritual heritage, yet some descendants "broke faith with the God of their fathers"; why? How do people today confuse traditions with truth and family integrity with personal? What's one thing your family is known for that is true of you? One thing that is not true of you?
3. Read 1 Chronicles 4:9-10; 10:13-14; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 145:4; 2 Timothy 2:2; 4:7-8; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 12:1-2. What kind of spiritual legacy are you building right now? Is your impact one of cursing like Saul's or of blessing like Paul's? What's one thing that you are positively teaching to the next generation (your kids or someone you're discipling)? How does the following action plan apply to you: **Stop** one habit that is weakening your testimony; **Start** one spiritual discipline that needs to be established in your life; **Continue** one faithful practice that God is already blessing/using.
4. How does the genealogy listed in 1 Chronicles 1-9 impact the genealogy listed in Matthew 1 and in Luke 3? Do names of people matter to God? Do they reveal the promises and laws of God? Explain. If the genealogy of Jesus is not correct, does it negate God's mission? Explain. How does genealogy impact revelation (Revelation 1:1)?
5. Can you agree with the following challenge: I will remember God's faithfulness; I will personally follow Jesus. I will obey God's Word. I will model Biblical faithfulness. I will invest in the next generation while learning from the previous generations. I will pass faith forward. I will finish my race faithfully.