# PMC SERMON "LIVE IT OUT" GUIDE

Text: Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Title: Remember

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[For Group Leaders: The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according

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to the needs of your group.]

### 1. **SERMON RECAP**

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## a. We have a God who

- is Great and Awesome (v32-35)
- Loves and Disciplines us (v36-38)
- Demands our Obedience (v39-40)

# b. Key Ideas on Remembering

- To remember God is to act/live according to what we know of God and what He desires of us.
- The purpose of remembering is to obey. Because not remembering, or forgetfulness, opens the door to disobedience and failure. So to not remember, and consequently to not obey, derails us from experiencing God's perfect plan for us.

### 2. **LIVE IT OUT**

a. In his book **Facing Your Giants**, Max Lucado writes, "Goliaths still roam our world. Debt. Disaster. Dialysis. Danger. Deceit. Disease. Depression. Super-size challenges still ... pilfer sleep and embezzle peace ... But they can't dominate you. You know how to deal with them. You face giants by facing God first. Think not how big your problem is but rather how big our God is!"

Journal some of your past encounters and recall how the Lord guided you through:

| My Response    | How did God    | Lessons                   |
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| (feelings,     | make a way for | learnt                    |
| actions, etc.) | me?            |                           |
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- b. Break into smaller groups.
  - Share with each other ONE thing that God has done in your life, which marked a milestone in your spiritual journey. ("Holy Spirit, stir our mind and heart!")
  - Take turns to give thanks to God, <u>saying a short</u> thanksgiving prayer on behalf of the person on your right.
- c. Share ONE area in your life that you feel God is asking for obedience. Share with one another why it has been so difficult obeying God in that area.
  (Be open we all have feet of clay, and have no right to judge another)
- d. What are practical ways to help us "remember" God's faithfulness, so that we actually Live Out our faith? Go round the group, and list down different ways your group members have sought to remember (e.g. keeping a journal, setting a customized wallpaper on your Home Screen ... etc.) >> Make it a point to PRACTICE one of the ideas in the list this coming week.

#### 3. **PRAY**

- a. God's word tells us "the Lord disciplines those He loves as a father the son he delights in." (Prov 3:12)
  - > Recall a time when the Lord disciplined you, when you had to face your own "wilderness" experience.
  - > How did it feel at that time? How does it feel now?
  - > Spend a few minutes in quietness before Him, give thanks for His love, and asking for grace to face future challenges.

#### 4. GOING DEEPER

a. According to our preacher,

"The purpose of remembering is to obey. Because not remembering, or forgetfulness, opens the door to disobedience and failure. So to not remember, and consequently to not obey, derails us from experiencing God's perfect plan for us."

- > If the reason for remembering is so obvious, why do we so often forget? Share with each other your thoughts.
- > Discuss also whether it is possible that we can actually "intentionally forget" what we don't want to remember.

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