

# ***REFLECTIONS***

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**Remember the days of old;  
consider the generations long past.  
Ask your father and he will tell you,  
your elders, and they will explain to you.**

*Deuteronomy 32:7*

## **Reminders**

In the entry of our home the family Bible lays open on a bible stand. The Bible is large and has been in the family since 1923. Inside the Bible, my grandmother recorded important dates like birthdays, marriages and deaths. Also throughout the Bible she placed pieces of memorabilia from special events and locks of hair from her children. In addition to the word of God, the Bible serves as a reminder of where we came from.

There are other reminders of our family spread about our house also. As you progress into our home, my grandmother's library table sits in a corner, and across the room from the table is her piano. Above each of these pieces hangs one of my dad's paintings. We treasure all of these pieces because they are reminders of our past. But we have many other reminders throughout the house that are not about family.

Hanging outside our front door is a cross. Another one hangs just inside the door. These are beautifully crafted pieces by an artist that has meant a lot to our family over the years. But the crosses are not there to remind us of family history. They are there to remind us of Jesus Christ. They remind us that He died for us, and as we enter our home, they remind us that Christ lives here too.

God tells us that it is important for us to remember our past and how He has been a part of it. We remember the covenants that He made and the reminders He gave us that keep Him always on our minds—the rainbow reminds us of His covenant with Noah, circumcision reminds us of His covenant with Abraham, the Passover meal reminds us of his promise to Moses, and the cross reminds us that He is with us always.

And one more thing. Reminders help us to remember our history, but they also remind us to tell the story—to tell our children and our children's children the story of God in our lives. It is the greatest gift we can give them. When we tell our children how God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, we introduce them to our loving God so they may feel the love of His open arms. And we must leave reminders of family too.

We owe them the memories.

*“You are the light of the world.”*

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