

Share Your Story

The High Cost of Amnesia

What flows in
must flow out.

The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 & 2 Cor.

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 & 2 Thess.

1 & 2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 & 2 Peter

1, 2, & 3 John

Jude

Revelation

When comfort welcomes every
perk, the community ceases to
do memory work.

Jeremiah 2: The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: “This is what the Lord says:

““I remember the devotion of your youth,
how as a bride you loved me
and followed me through the wilderness,
through a land not sown.

God always remembers what we
tend to forget.

God always remembers what we
tend to forget.

We always forget what we should
remember.

Jeremiah 2: 3 Israel **was** holy to the Lord,
the firstfruits of his harvest;
all who devoured her were held guilty,
and disaster overtook them,”
declares the Lord.

4 Hear the word of the Lord, you
descendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.

Jeremiah 2: 5 This is what the Lord says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.

We lose our spiritual memory
when we exchange the eternal
for the empty.

Jeremiah 2: 6 Your ancestors **did not say,**

‘The Lord brought us out of Egypt.

He led us through the desert,

through a dry and rocky land.

He led us through a dark and dangerous
land.

Jeremiah 2: No one lives there;
people don't even travel through that
land.

But the Lord led us through that land.

So where is he now?'

The path to forgetting God:

Not saying what needs to be said.

Sharing your story is not
limited to outreach.

It's about doing the work of
remembering God.

Jeremiah 2: 7 “I brought you into a good land,

a land filled with many good things.

I did this so that you could eat the fruit and crops that grow there.

When you make 'your story'
about you,
it becomes a story easily
dismissed.

Mark 5: 18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and **tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.**”

Mark 5: 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. **And all the people were amazed.**

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7 “I brought you into a good **land**,
a land filled with many good things.

I did this so that you could eat the fruit and
crops that grow there.

Jeremiah 2: But you only made my land
'dirty.'

I gave that **land** to you,
but you made it a bad place.

Israel's memory is rooted in
the land—
a gift they mistook for a
guarantee.

The Christian's memory is all
about the cross.

It too is a gift that can become
an entitlement.

Jeremiah 2: 8 The priests **did not ask,**

‘Where is the Lord?’

Those who deal with the law did not know
me;

the leaders rebelled against me.

When memory fades, identity
follows—

and idols (of any form) take God's
place.

(Spiritual) Amnesia leads
to death.

Revelation 12: 10 Then I heard a loud voice
in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the
power and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day
and night, has been hurled down.

Revelation 12: 11 They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

Understanding your story through memory:

(1). Before Christ, I was so...

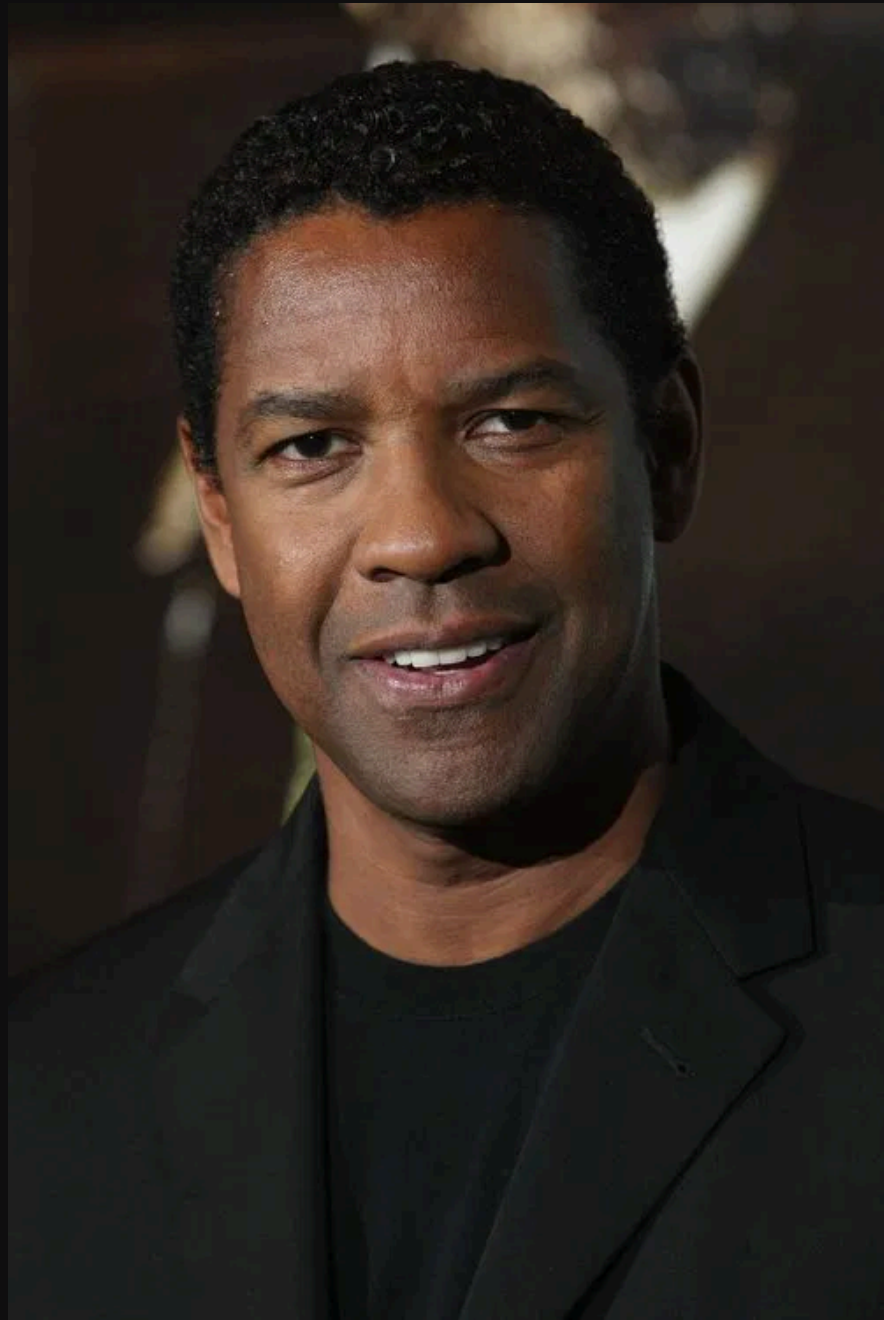
Now, because of Christ, I am so...

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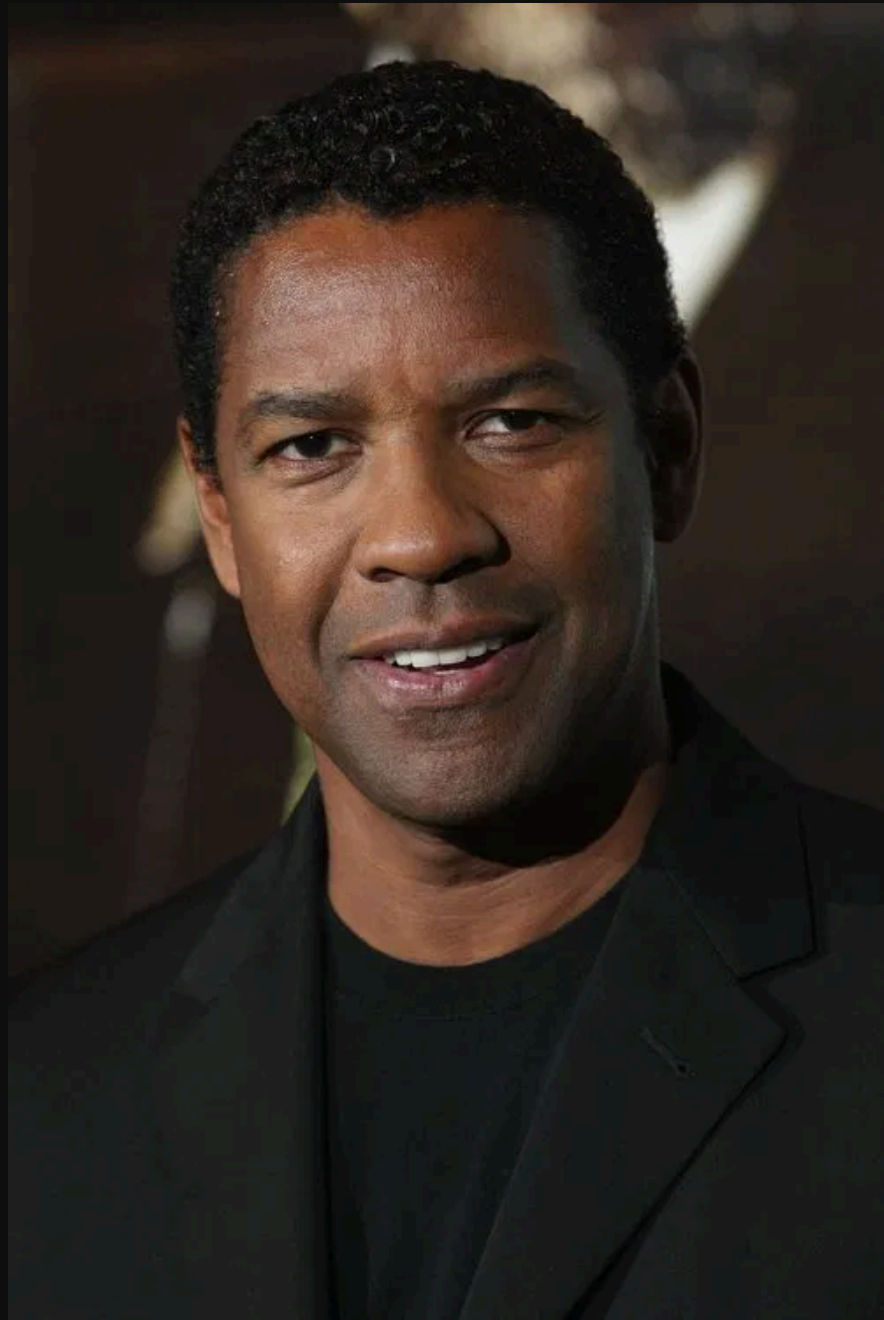
(2). Without Christ, I am so...
With Christ, I am so...

Understanding your story through memory:

(3). In Christ, I was saved from...
Through Christ, I was saved for...



*"THE BIGGEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE
WAS WHEN I WAS FILLED WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT. IT HAPPENED IN THE
WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST, CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, LOS
ANGELES."*



*THINGS I SAID ABOUT GOD WHEN I
WAS A LITTLE BOY, JUST RECITING
THEM IN CHURCH ALONG WITH
EVERYBODY ELSE, I KNOW NOW. GOD
IS REAL. GOD IS LOVE. GOD IS THE
ONLY WAY. GOD IS THE TRUE WAY.*

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Romans 6: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?