

## **Remember the Four “P’s”**

### **Ready:**

“Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this...” -- Lamentations 3:21

### **Set**

Several years ago, my counselor asked me an odd question: “What was the one piece of equipment that you couldn’t play without as a quarterback?” After a few silent moments, I shared an odd answer: “My towel.” If my grip was gone, I was toast. The towel, then, offered reassurance in the rain and security amidst the sweat. It helped me **remember**.

John Piper says it best: “One of the great enemies of hope is *forgetting* God’s promises.” God’s promises never leave. We simply forget them.

Like a trusty towel on your belt, let four key truths from Ephesians 3 help you **remember** today.

### **Remember Your Provider**

In the Old Testament, one of the Hebrew names for God is *Jehovah Jireh* which means “the Lord will provide.” God has “*glorious, unlimited resources [that] he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit*” (Ephesians 3:16). He is the Creator of everything and loves to come through for you: “*You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!*” (Jeremiah 32:17). He provides everything you need for godliness, is able to meet all your needs according to His glorious riches and gave you what you needed most – His Son, Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:3, Philippians 4:19, Romans 8:32).

### **Remember Your Position**

As a follower of Jesus Christ, your position is in Him, and He comes to dwell in you: “*Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust him*” (Ephesians 3:17). God deeply longs for you to intimately know Him and His unlimited love – the height, width, length and depth of an incomprehensible love that covers all your mistakes and adopts you into God’s family. You are holy, blameless and free from accusation (Colossians 1:22). Forever.

### **Remember Your Portion**

God longs to be the only One to fill up your heart: “*...you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God*” (Ephesians 3:19). When you don’t receive satisfaction vertically, you look for it horizontally. Only the Living Water saturates your thirst. Let Him be your portion and fill your cup to overflowing.

## Remember Your Pursuit

God pursues. He is able to accomplish “*infinitely more than we might ask or think*” (Ephesians 3:20). As you pursue God, you will pursue His people. Why? When your heart aligns to God’s heart, His desires become your desires – and He desires restoration for the hurting, broken, and lost. To accomplish this, He will use you: “*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us*” (Ephesians 3:20). Pursue the mission, knowing that the greatest work God wants to do *through you* happens because His power is at work *within you*.

### Go

- Which “P” is most difficult to remember?
- What does God want you to be, know, or do as a response to today’s devotion?

### Workout

Ephesians 3:16-21

### Overtime

“Father, help me remember well today. Amen.”

### Bible Reference:

Lamentations 3:21

Ephesians 3:16-21



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