

“The Joy of Forgetfulness”

One of King David’s songs declares a sentiment that I remind myself of periodically: There is great joy in the forgetfulness of God!

He says in Psalm 25:7: ***“Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.”***

Today, I am celebrating the plea of David for God to forget. What does David believe that God will not remember – the sins of his youth and his transgressions.

When I think of all the things I did in my younger years, the foolish decisions I made, the silly things that were upon my lips and the crazy thinking that comprised my mindset, I am so grateful that God will listen to a prayer like David’s.

I don’t want to remember some of those things (but I do). I don’t want God to remember and act on them (and He doesn’t).

But true confessions: I don’t really want God to remember some of the things I did yesterday, or last week, last month or last year, let alone the things I did when I was a kid.

I pray that God will not hold the impetuosity of my teens against me.

I pray that God will not remember the arrogance of my 20’s;

I pray that God will not act on the self-will and independence of my 30’s;

I pray that God will not hang over my head the fears, regrets or failures of my 40’s.

And as I enter my 50’s I pray that God will not hold my future failures, sins, transgressions and rebellions to my account.

I celebrate God’s forgetfulness, not because I am good or repentant, but as David says, “According to your steadfast love.” God forgives my past, He reconciles me unto himself, He redeems my failures, He forgets my sin because of His GREAT LOVE!

Thank God, He lovingly chooses not to remember my sin...but He does remember me!

*Father and Forgiver – thank you for redeeming my past, rescuing my future and remembering Me!*