



God Never Forgets

As a person grows older, God never forgets.

As you welcome a newborn into the world, God never forgets.

As someone changes jobs, God never forgets.

As the seasons change, God never forgets.

Simple, God never forgets and always remembers. Our invitation is to remember too. When we start reading Exodus 1-2, we see God never forgot. Four hundred years later, God heard the cries of His people, remembering the promise of those long before. He remembered his commitment to the family line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

We don't get many details about why it took God four hundred years. Although The Lord did tell Abram it would happen, "Then the Lord said to Abram, 'Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.'" (Genesis 15:13) The setting was complete — the people were slaves. Pharaoh didn't know Joseph (Exodus 1:8), and so the king didn't know Joseph's God. Desperate times and desperate cries came up for God's people.

This setting and story of God's people help us remember that God does hear our cries. He hears us in our groaning. He hears us when we are lonely. He hears us when our marriages do south. He hears us when our kids are making wrong choices. He hears us in our jobs. God hears. Remembering Paul's words, we are called to "pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Remember this truth: no matter how God moves in our circumstances, ultimately Jesus moved. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) So today, in remembering the Exodus story, remembering Jesus' laying down his life, let's remember. Let us rejoice. "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)