

**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 a people become  
prosperous, secure, and self-  
sufficient,  
the predictable outcome is a  
community ceasing 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.

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We have a way of forgetting that  
which 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.

Spiritual amnesia occurs when  
we trade the eternal for the  
cheap and worthless.

**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.

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:

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**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 7:** 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.**” 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him.

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

**But you only made my land ‘dirty.’**

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

Israel's memory is all about  
land.

The land was a gift that  
became an entitlement.

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 we forget God and fail to  
tell our stories,

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we forget our identity and are  
tempted to chase after phony  
gods.



(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.

