



## Raise An Ebenezer

**Icebreaker:** What are you looking forward to in 2025?

**Read Together:** 1 Samuel 7:7-13 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- What do you see that you have not seen before in the scripture for this section?
- What was the Holy Spirit saying to you as you listened to Pastor Mark?
- **Ebenezer Means** “Stone of Help”. How has God been a help to you in the days before today?

**Read Together:** Joshua 4:21-24 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- What do you see that you have not seen before in the scripture for this section?
- What are some things you need to remember that God has done?
- The beginning of straying always has its roots in forgetfulness. How can you set up an “altar” of remembrance?

**Read Together:** Romans 8:28 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

### **What Remembrance Does**

1. Remembrance guards you from straying from the Lord. What is one thing God did for you in 2024?
  2. Remembrance anchors you in the truth about God’s character. What did you learn about God’s character in 2024?
- What things do you need to take a closer look at and intentionally remember?
  - What testimony do you need to tell to someone else?

Here are some practical ways we can set up an “Ebenezer” in our lives:

- Write it down in a Journal.
- Buy a memento and place it in a visible place or a keepsake box.
- Create a video blog and tell the story of his faithfulness.
- Find a relevant scripture and highlight, date, and annotate it with memorable information.
- Put a sticky note on your bathroom mirror.
- Print a photo book and keep it out where you can see it.

- Collect songs and make a playlist (Mix Tape)
- Paint a painting or create a piece of art.
- Plant a tree.
- For next year: Set aside a Memory Jar, write down the good and bad things that happen on a regular basis, and review these at the end of the year.

Ultimately, the goal is that we take the time to reflect on God's goodness and his character, highlighting his abundant goodness and desire for the situations we have had to walk through.

**Pray:**

- Ask God to remind you of some things He did for you this year.
- Ask God to show you more of His character.
- If it isn't good, God isn't done. Ask God to show you the good you cannot see yet.
- Ask God to show you someone who needs to hear a story of God's faithfulness.