

## Look Back

Have you ever done an “I remember when...” of your entire relationship with God? Try it. You’ll find it more fascinating than you can imagine. Get alone and recall to Him everything you remember about your relationship with Him. Speak it aloud. Don’t just think about it in general terms. Say it. Start with, “Lord, I remember when I first became aware of You...”, then on to your conversion, through the ups and downs, to the present. Include the people, the joys, the struggles, the failures—everything.

As I reflect on my personal salvation history, I can’t get to the end before I am overcome by how patiently and tenderly He has carried me. I have sailed my whole life on a sea of mercy. Looking back, I see only His hand, moving, guiding, upholding, weaving His wonders in me and for me. His faithfulness has brought a consistency to my life that I could never give it.

I know once again that our Father does not cast off His children or reject us in disgust. He never has, and He never will. His persistent love is eager to forgive, restore, and bring new growth. He keeps calling us to look to Him in faith.

I see that my Father is forming His Son in me. Amazing, but He really is! Though I am painfully aware of my imperfections, I can taste the fruit of the Spirit in my life. The glory certainly goes to Him, not me.

All this will be only words until you see *your* God working in *your* life. When you do, you’ll know that God has always been with you. Then you can look ahead and know that He will always be with you.

He is with us now, right here, blessing, comforting, providing, and loving. Praise to You, Father! Praise to You, our wonderful Lord!

Hymn: [We Look Behind at All You’ve Done](#)

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