

“Don’t Forget”

1 Cor. 6:9-11

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Some years ago I spoke at the church where, 40 years earlier, I had given my life to Christ. It was a moving, marvelous experience. My eyes clouded with tears as I thought of the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ the day I gave my life to Him. In fact, the memory was so clear and crisp in my mind it was as if I was experiencing my conversion all over again.

Isn't it good to remember? We need to fight the tendency to forget the depth of our sin and the marvelous forgiveness of Christ. Listen 1 Corinthians chapter 6, verses 9 through 11; “Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”

Did you catch that? “And such were some of you.” It's as if Paul says, “Wait, don't forget. These people I just talked about, the drunkards, the adulterers, the fornicators, the effeminate, the covetous—that used to be your address. That's where you used to live.”

There's a certain humility and brokenness that comes over us when we remember. Calvary forever reminds us how needy we really are. What a paradox! The cross of Christ in our conversion says, “You needed a Savior and you still need the Savior.”

Here's what I want you to remember today. Remember to ask God to take you back often to the day you first gave your life to Christ. It will give you a fresh perspective and a grateful heart.