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## Introduction

Grace Reminders are ways of remembering how God has changed our thoughts and behaviors since becoming Christians. For instance, if you struggled with depression prior to receiving faith in Christ, you could select, 'Sad is Gone' as a website sign-on. Every time you logged onto the site, your log-in name could prompt a short prayer of thanks for the change God made in your life.

Remembering his grace has another benefit. Just like buying a red car causes us to see red cars everywhere, Grace Reminders can help us notice non-Christians acting the way we lived before Christ saved us.

This 'relational resemblance', coupled with the empathy of Christian love, can give us opportunities to introduce a spiritual solution to their problem; the forgiveness found in Christ.

Let's say you're praising God regularly for a change he's made, or is making, in your life, and God enables you to see a friend with the same struggle. As your friendship develops, it would not be out of place to comment, with compassion, on the similarity you see between their current struggle, and the way you used to live.

If they are ready for change in their life, it's likely they'll 'hear' what you're saying, and wonder, hopefully out loud, what caused the change in your life. When they do, you can briefly share your testimony.

This is a precious time in a friendship. By demonstrating an interest, they have likely revealed their desire for change. When you tell them the solution in your life was a spiritual one, and they are not against hearing more, it's a pretty good bet that they're willing to consider an answer to their problem that involves God.

### The List of Grace Reminders

The participants at *Tune-up Your Testimony*, a workshop we presented at [BASS 2008](#), helped us start a list of Grace Reminders. We'll be adding some of our own, and would be glad to consider your favorite way of recalling God's goodness in your life. Send us an email with your [Grace Reminder](#)<sup>1</sup> or contact us by phone or mail<sup>2</sup>.

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## Around the House

- ✓ Post a Bible verse near your bed – When you go to sleep or get up, think for a moment about the change God has made in your life.
- ✓ Design a logo for your stationary – It doesn't have to be a work of art, just something that will draw your attention to God's goodness in your life.
- ✓ Write it on a message board near your phone – Write yourself (and anyone else who happens to see it) a short message of how God has removed a behavior, attitude, or thought from your life.
- ✓ Break into Song – Find a song that reminds you of who you were, and what God has done. Play it regularly when you're home or sing it!
- ✓ Mirror Memory Jogger – Write yourself a note on the mirror where you put on your make-up or shave, and refresh your thoughts each day with God's love for you.
- ✓ Attach a tab to a page of the Bible – Anytime you open the Scriptures, you'll see the tab, which will point to a passage meaningful to you about how God has changed your life.<sup>a</sup>
- ✓ The Refrigerator – A note reminding you of God's goodness will never spoil when attached to the outside of your refrigerator.<sup>b</sup>

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## On the Job

- ✓ Use a 3 X 5 card at your desk – If you use a particular resource book regularly, attach the card to the front, and each time you reach for it, spend a moment thanking God for changing you.
- ✓ God's work in your life...it could be a picture or writing.
- ✓ Slip a note in your day planner<sup>c</sup> – Move it at the end of each day to the following day's page, and praise God for what he's done in your life.
- ✓ Locker at work – Ever since the first locker was manufactured, people have hung things in them...why not a memory of God's goodness.<sup>d</sup>

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## Recreational Activities

- ✓ Buy or create a wrist band – Slip it on in the morning as a constant reminder of the power God has demonstrated in your life.
- ✓ Use an ordinary saying – Agree to praise God for a few seconds every time you're at a sporting event, and yell a favorite saying, like "Go Giants." Or do the same thing with certain activities during the game, like for every free throw, strikeout, or touchdown.

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## Technologically Speaking

- ✓ Select a screen saver – Locate a screen saver that helps you remember
- ✓ Ring tone for your cell – Select a ring tone to identify a friend that struggles with the same issue you had before becoming a Christian. Each time you hear that ring, thank God for the change he's made in your life, and ask him to help your friend be open to receiving that same change.
- ✓ Make a web site sign-on your reminder – If you used to be fearful of life before becoming a Christian, you could use *Fear Less Cross* or if depression haunted you, try *Sad is Gone*. Select a sign-on that identifies what God took away or is in the process of removing.
- ✓ Daily reminder on computer or cell phone – Set a reminder in your email program or anywhere else that will prompt you, at a certain time, to spend a moment in thanksgiving.<sup>e</sup>

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## While Traveling

- ✓ Make a reminder for your steering wheel, dash board, or gear shift<sup>f</sup> – During your trip, you'll have multiple opportunities to praise God and remember his goodness.
- ✓ Put a sticky note on your seat belt – At least when you get in the car, and before you get out, you'll be able to recall God's faithfulness.
- ✓ Pack a framed reminder – You may already take a picture of your wife or family, and this is the same idea. Print up something to remind you of what

God has done in your life, slip it into a small frame, and make it part of your 'survival' kit when you're on the road.

- ✓ Have a bumper sticker made for your car – Put it on the bumper you'll see every time you get in the car, and you'll have a reminder to give God a moment of praise for the way he's changed you.

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## Endnotes

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- <sup>a</sup> From “Experience Our Ministry and Expand Our Mission” at Valley Bible Church, 12/12/08
- <sup>b</sup> From “Experience Our Ministry and Expand Our Mission” at Valley Bible Church, 12/12/08
- <sup>c</sup> From “Experience Our Ministry and Expand Our Mission” at Valley Bible Church, 12/12/08
- <sup>d</sup> From “Experience Our Ministry and Expand Our Mission” at Valley Bible Church, 12/12/08
- <sup>e</sup> From “Experience Our Ministry and Expand Our Mission” at Valley Bible Church, 12/12/08
- <sup>f</sup> ‘gear shift’ from “Experience Our Ministry and Expand Our Mission” at Valley Bible Church, 12/12/08