

“Heart Tricks” (4)

**“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick;
who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)**

(1) I Am Better than You

(2) Others Have it Better than Me

(3) I Know Better than Everyone Else

(4) The Past was Better

**Ecclesiastes 7:10 – “Say not, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’
For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.”**

**Numbers 11:5-6 – ⁵“We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing,
the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our
strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”**

**Job 29:1-2, 4, 6, 18-20 – ¹“And Job again took up his discourse, and said:
²‘Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched
over me, ⁴as I was in my prime, when the friendship of God was upon my tent,
⁶when my steps were washed with butter, and the rock poured out for me
streams of oil! ¹⁸Then I thought, ‘I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply
my days as the sand, ¹⁹my roots spread out to the waters, with the dew all
night on my branches, ²⁰my glory fresh with me, and my bow ever new in my
hand.’”**

Freedom by Forgetting

**Isaiah 43:16-19 - ¹⁶“This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through
the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷who drew out the chariots and
horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise
again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸Forget the former things; do
not dwell on the past. ¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do
you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the
wasteland.” (NIV)**

Philippians 3:13-15 – ¹³“...But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.”

Glory is Ahead of Us

John 17:4-5, 24 – ⁴“I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

Romans 8:18-23 – ¹⁸“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

Glorifying Jesus

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”