There is something about personal stories that is very compelling. Our life has been changed by Christ.

I. It is good to remember who we are and where we came from. Colossians 1:21

"Once we were alienated from God..."
The word alienated means that we belonged to another owner – another master.

We are sinners saved by his grace.

We were “enemies in our mind because of our evil behavior.” It is only when God opens our eyes that we see our sin and our need for God's forgiveness.

Why is it important to remember who we are and where we came from? It keeps us humble and dependent on Christ.
II. It is good to remember who Christ is and what he has done for us. Colossians 1:19-22

Who is Christ?
He is our Lord and Savior.

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.”
The false teachers used the word fullness to describe the totality of the supernatural powers.
Paul used the word fullness to describe the totality of God’s power and attributes in Christ.
The word dwell means that it is permanent and not temporary.

What did Jesus do for us?
It was the Father’s good pleasure to “reconcile to himself all things... by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

“The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.” Romans 8:19

God has reconciled us to himself by Christ’s physical body through death.
The enmity (hostility and hatred) because of our sin is gone and our relationship with God has been restored.

III. It is good to remember why he came what he wants us to do. Colossians 1:22-23

Jesus died to make us holy in his sight.
• Without blemish (perfect and complete).
• Free from accusation.
There is no charge that can be brought against us because our debt has been paid in full by Christ.

Our sins are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ and when God looks at us, he sees the righteousness of his Son.

That is our position in Christ and one day it will also be our experience.

So we make it our goal to please him in everything.

We are heralds of the gospel sent with a message from the King of all Kings.

**Conclusion**

It is good to remember:

Who we are and where we came from.

Who Christ is and what he has done for us.

Why he came and what he wants us to do.