

## **Song Story #18 – “Remind Us”**

Some years back, there was a comedy show on TV called “Two and A Half Men”. It was well-written and could be funny, but was absolutely immoral and just plain dirty. But at that period of time, it was the highest rated comedy in the nation! I thought about that and thought that it couldn’t have that rating without a bunch of Christians watching it as well. Then, I also remembered a story from years before that, when the TV comedy “Friends” was at its peak. A friend of mine who worked at a Christian college spoke about how, when the show came on, all the women on campus dropped whatever they were doing to watch it. “Friends”, again, was well-written, with likable characters, but was casually immoral. Everyone had sex with everyone. It was casual and funny and completely Godless. But in our culture, humor and “art” even for many Christians, holds more value than the Word of God and the values that it teaches us to embrace. It’s seductive and so easy to be drawn into. The world is heavy and we all want to laugh, so we are seduced into compromise through our desire to be entertained. But when we laugh at something God hates, our values are changed and the mind of Christ is not in us. We are not being transformed by the renewing of our mind — like it calls us to in Romans 12 — we are being conformed to the world. We need to be reminded of the ways of the Lord.

The 2nd verse of this song addresses what I’d call “Prosperity Theology”. Some churches openly embrace this teaching that says God wants Christians to be wealthy and that their wealth is a sign of God’s blessing. I disagree with that theologian and so do many other Christians. But, ironically many other churches and Christians who would openly oppose this official teaching, still, in so many ways, embrace their own version of it. Once again, it’s so easy to be drawn into this. We all want comfort and ease and material possessions. And God does bless us with many material gifts. But material wealth is not necessarily a sign of God’s blessing and the Scripture clearly sets a high priority on generosity, sacrifice, spending ourselves on behalf of the poor and not loving the things of the world. Once again, if we don’t read the Bible, we will easily be drawn into this way of thinking. We need to be reminded.

And the third verse of this song addresses the other elephant in the room, which is the disunity among Christians. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane that we, Christians, would be one as He and the Father are one — so that the world would know that He was sent from the Father. This prayer has such enormous implications! The idea that our unity is what gives credibility to Gospel is a really disturbing thought — when you think about how divided we are! But we’re so used to it that most pastors and congregants don’t even ever notice or think about it. The words of God remind us. We need that reminder. I need that reminder about all of these issues. That’s where “Remind Us” came from.

## **Remind Us - Words and Music by Dan Adler**

1. “Remind us that the dark comes like an angel of the light  
Remind us though it’s funny that it may not mean it’s right  
Remind us that we cannot love this world and love You too  
Remind us that the well of life is only found in you

2. Remind us that our treasure is the place our hearts will be  
Remind that Your Kingdom is not of the world we see  
Remind us that abundance isn’t meant to serve our greed  
Remind us that the sowing is the purpose of the seed

**CHORUS:** And we will remember to walk in Your Spirit  
to dwell in Your Word and obey when we hear it  
To drink from the well that can quench all our thirst  
To turn from what’s evil and honor You first  
And we will remember to love one another  
To honor You Jesus by serving each other  
To offer our lives as a true sacrifice on the altar of worship to You  
So remind us

3. Remind us that the Church is one in spite of how we live  
Remind us that the world will know us by the love we give  
Remind us that our unity will show the world the Son  
Remind us that abiding in the Vine will make us one”