

FAITH WITHOUT BORDERS

A Study in the Book of Joshua

UNITED FAITH

March 12, 2023 // JOSHUA 4:1-24

OUTLINE:

5 Reasons why we need Memorial Stones:

Memorial Stones Help Us Remember the Crises (1-4)

Memorial Stones Help Us Retell the Story (5-7)

Memorial Stones Help Us Reflect on the Provision (8-10)

Memorial Stones Help Us Renew our Commitment (11-18)

Memorial Stones Help Us Rejoice with Reverence (19-24)

STUDY: GO DEEPER

1. Looking at verses 1 through 4 what do we see is the crises the people of Israel were facing? For us, crises can be barriers that hinder us from experiencing God's blessings. These barriers we face could be physical, emotional, intellectual, or even spiritual. What's a barrier you are facing in your life right now?

2. Think back to a crisis you were at one time facing and was able to come through it. What was the first thing you did regarding that crisis once you were through it?

3. In verses 5 through 7 what did the Lord instruct them to do? Here are some scriptures that tell us the cost of forgetting what the Lord has done in our lives. Read through them together and discuss what the consequences would be if we forget what the Lord has done.

Generational Ignorance - 1 Corinthians 10:6

Repeated Failure - Proverbs 26:11

Absence of Faith - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Lose of Intimate Fellowship - Proverbs 14:12

Forfeited Blessing - Titus 1:16

4. How do we see God's provision remain until they completed what was commanded of them in verses 8 through 10? Can you recall what the Ark of the Covenant represents for us? (Jar of manna, Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod, Mercy Seat, Two Cherubim)

5. In verses 11 through 18 we see the Israelites renew their commitment to the Lord as they build their memorial out of stones. As you remember how God has been faithful to provide through the crises you have faced in your life, in what ways are you encouraged to renew your commitment?

6. In what ways can we, like the Israelites in verses 19 through 24, rejoice as we revere who God is and what He has done in our lives?

SUPPORT: GROW TOGETHER

1. Share a recent crisis you have experienced in your life with the group. You may be looking at one now or in the middle of it needing to trust God.

2. How did/do you see the provision of God in your crisis?

3. What are your own memorial stones you have to remember and share what God has or is bringing you through?

4. Take some time together to rejoice and thank the Lord in prayer and even song. One of the ways we can tell of God's provision and goodness in our lives is through song. There is an old song called "I Just Want to Thank You Lord" by Lynda Randle. You will see the lyrics below of this memorial song of thanks for who the Lord is and what He's done.

Thank you Lord // Thank you Lord // Thank you Lord // I just want to thank you Lord
You've been so good // You've been so good // You've been so good // I just want thank you Lord

Lord I thank you for the sunshine // I thank you for the rain // I thank you for the peace in knowing, my trials don't come to stay
And I thank you that someday soon, I got heaven to gain // I just want to thank you Lord

You saved my soul // You saved my soul // You saved my soul // I just want to thank you Lord

RENEW YOUR MIND: MEMORY VERSE

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

- Deuteronomy 6:7

