

“Remembering What God Has Done”

Joshua 4:1-7

Introduction:

A Memorial – is a monument, statue, or ritual that serves as a remembrance of God’s faithfulness in the past in dealing with His people. The memorial is an occasion for praise, thanksgiving, and encouragement to believers.

I. We Need Memorials to Remind Us

- a. The Iwo Jima Memorial
- b. The 9/11 Memorial

II. God Speaks to Joshua v.1

- a. Israel had completely crossed the Jordan
- b. The Priest holding the Ark of the Covenant were still standing in the Jordan
- c. God had Joshua select 12 men one from each tribe for a special purpose in Josh 3:12

III. The Special Purpose of the 12 Men vss. 2-3

- a. This was a significant moment because God was bringing Israel into the Promise Land.
- b. Christ is the “Rock” that His church is founded on Matt 16:18

IV. Where to Bring the Stones v.3b

- a. God tells Joshua to bring the stones where the camp was going to be.
- b. We are commanded to never forget God Deut 8:11

“Remembering What God Has Done”

Joshua 4:1-7

V. Joshua Commands the 12 Men vss. 4-5

- a. Joshua’s illustration of obedience is beautiful Josh 1:7-9
- b. Joshua wasn’t afraid to send the 12 men back into the Jordan for the stone and bring them back to camp.

VI. The Purpose of the Stones v.6

- a. A marker to prompt future generations to ask what does the stones mean
- b. It will provide parents with the opportunity to share what God did for Israel

VII. It’s the Parent’s job to teach what God did v.7

- a. This isn’t the first time Israelite parents are told that it is their responsibility to pass on to their child the words and works of God Deut 6:20-25

VIII. My Memorial

- a. And each one of you is a memorial in my life because God trusted me with His most prize possession.
- b. HIS Bride (The Church)