

Memorials

Joshua 4:19-24

MEMORIALS REMIND US OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE

They remind us of our encounters with Him

They provide us with assurance of His presence

They are a source of hope in our lives

You have personal memories and physical reminders of times when God stepped in and did things that were unexpected and beyond anything you could have anticipated

They are monuments to the faithfulness of God

MEMORIALS PROVIDE US WITH A CENTER OF CERTAINTY

When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying ‘What are these stones?’ then you shall let your children know, saying ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.” Joshua 4:21-24

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The stack of stones from the Jordan River gave them certainty that God is faithful

We need places and experiences in our lives that remind us of the trustworthiness of God

We need testimonies that begin with *“Let me tell you what the Lord has done for me...”*

MEMORIALS PROVIDE STRENGTH FOR FUTURE STRUGGLES

Memorials are always future facing

We remember the courage of those who have been,
and it calls forth the strength for who we can be

As time goes by, you think about your own times of struggle,
and you often do so with gratitude

No wonder God's constant challenge to Joshua was –
“be strong and courageous”

THE LORD LED JOSHUA TO DO ONE MORE CRITICAL THING

“Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.” Joshua 4:9

God led Joshua to erect another monument in the middle of the dry riverbed

The deepest memorials are not the ones that are obvious for others to see; they are experiences with Christ that are hidden deep in your soul

The richest faith is not found on the outside, but on the inside, because that is where God does His most important work