

## Stones of Remembrance

**Read:** Joshua 4:1-24

**Main Idea:** We must actively remember and reflect on God's faithfulness to strengthen our faith and share encouragement with others.

**Key Verses:** "When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD" (**Joshua 4:6-7**).

### Key Principles

- We forget faster than we realize, so we must build intentional reminders into our lives that anchor our hearts to what God has already done.
- Spiritual memory is never private property, for God gives us His mighty works so that our children and grandchildren may know Him.
- Obedience flows from a heart that has truly remembered who God is, while forgetfulness produces fear and hesitation.
- God exalts those who faithfully follow Him not for their own glory but to confirm His Word in the eyes of His people.
- Baptism and the Lord's Supper are God's appointed memorials, given to proclaim Christ's saving work to the church and to a watching world.
- Every story of grace in our lives belongs to the church, for our testimony strengthens the faith of others as we share it openly.
- The miracles God works in His people are never for us alone, because He intends them to draw a lost world to fear Him.

### Discussion

1. Why do you think God's people forget His faithfulness so quickly, and what specific practices help you actively remember what He has done in your life?
2. What "memorial stones" mark the moments in your story when God showed Himself faithful, and how do you keep those reminders fresh?
3. How can parents, grandparents, and the wider church family better pass the story of God's mighty works to the next generation in our homes and small groups?
4. In what ways do baptism and the Lord's Supper invite conversations about Jesus with both believers and unbelievers, and how can we celebrate them with greater intentionality?
5. Where is God calling you right now to step forward in obedience, and what is keeping you from trusting Him as Israel trusted Him at the Jordan?
6. Who in your life this week needs to hear your story of God's power and grace, and what is one concrete step you will take to share it with them before we meet again?

### Prayer

- Pray that we remember God's faithfulness and proclaim His mighty works to the world.
- Pray for:
  - Our church to faithfully tell the story of Christ's saving work in our worship and witness.
  - Obedience to walk forward in what God has called each of us to do this week.
  - The lost in Ocala and beyond to hear of the LORD's mighty hand and turn to Him.

## **Stones of Remembrance**

Joshua 4

- I. Set reminders to honor God. 4:1-7**
  - 1. Obey God's call to remember. 4:1-3
  - 2. Enlist others in the work. 4:4-5
  - 3. Declare truth to future generations. 4:6-7
  
- II. Show obedience to glorify God. 4:8-14**
  - 1. Respond quickly to God's command. 4:8-9
  - 2. Follow faithfully in God's plan. 4:10-14
  
- III. Share testimonies to encourage others. 4:15-24**
  - 1. Trust God to finish His work. 4:15-18
  - 2. Remember the places God has moved. 4:19-20
  - 3. Proclaim God's power to the world. 4:21-24

NEXT WEEK:

**Standing on Holy Ground**

Joshua 5