

Leaving a Legacy of Faith – Joshua 4

Remembering What God Has Done

After the miraculous crossing of the Jordan River, God instructed Joshua to set up memorial stones—one set in the riverbed and another at Gilgal—so future generations would remember God’s power and faithfulness.

“That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask... ‘What do these stones mean?’ you shall tell them...” (Joshua 4:6-7)

Personal Application: Building Spiritual Memorials

1. Do I take time to remember what God has done for me?

God wanted His people to never forget how He had brought them through obstacles by His power. The stones were a visible reminder of His faithfulness.

- Have I recorded the ways God has worked in my life? (journaling, testimonies, answered prayers)
- Do I take time to reflect on and thank God for past victories?
- When I face new challenges, do I look back on how God has provided before?

Keeping a record of God’s faithfulness strengthens our faith when we face new battles.

2. Am I passing my faith down to the next generation?

The memorial stones weren’t just for the people who crossed the Jordan—they were for their children and grandchildren to learn about God’s power.

- Do I share stories of God’s work in my life with my children, family, or others?
- Am I living in a way that shows future generations that God is real and active?
- Do I encourage younger believers by telling them about how God has worked in my life?

Faith is meant to be shared, not just experienced. If we don’t tell others what God has done, they may forget His power.

3. Are my "memorial stones" bringing glory to God or to myself?

When God does great things, it’s easy to focus on human effort rather than on His power. The stones were not a tribute to Joshua or Israel’s strength—they were a testimony to what God had done.

- Do I make sure God gets the credit for my victories?
- Am I pointing people to God’s power rather than my own accomplishments?
- Do I live with humility, recognizing that everything I have is because of God?

Faith Reminder: *The story of my life should point people to God, not to me.*

Stepping into Faith Like the Priests

The priests carrying the Ark stood in the middle of the Jordan until everyone had crossed. They remained in place, trusting God, until the job was done.

- Am I willing to stand firm in faith until God completes what He started?
- Do I trust God enough to take the first step, even when the waters haven't parted yet?
- Am I willing to hold my ground in faith so that others can experience God's promises?

Some of us are called to stand in faith for others—whether through prayer, leadership, or personal obedience—until they too walk into God's promises.

Final Takeaways: Leaving a Lasting Spiritual Legacy

1. Make time to remember what God has done. Keep track of answered prayers, past victories, and His faithfulness.
2. Pass down your faith. Share testimonies of God's work so that future generations can know His power.
3. Give God the glory. Let your life point people to Him, not to your own achievements.
4. Stand firm in faith. Like the priests, be willing to stay strong until God completes His work.

Reflection Questions:

- What "memorial stones" do I have in my life that remind me of God's faithfulness?
- Am I actively sharing my faith journey with those around me?
- Do I trust God enough to step out in faith, even before I see results?
- Who in my life needs encouragement to remember what God has done?

Challenge:

Take time this week to write down and share a testimony of something God has done in your life—whether with your family, friends, or a journal. Let it be a spiritual memorial that points to God's faithfulness!