



"Don't Forget to Remember"
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Questions from Joshua 4

INTRODUCTION

There are times in all of our lives when our experience would not make a very good argument of the existence of a loving God. So what do we do with that? In Joshua 4 we read about how the Lord instructs Joshua to memorialize an event so they will remember. The Bible spends more verses (24) discussing how to remember the Crossing of the Jordan, than it does on the crossing itself (17). Why?

WARMING UP

After hearing the message, how would you describe the difference between BLIND FAITH and MONUMENTAL FAITH?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Joshua 4
2. What event does this passage describe?
3. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? (vs 1-3)
4. What did Joshua tell them men to do? (vs 4-5)
5. How were they told to memorialize it?
6. Why? (vs 6-7)

The reason to go back and remember is to make sure we keep moving forward.
What do you think causes us to FORGET the past things that God has done for us?

Let's look at the 4 ways to DEVELOP MONUMENTAL FAITH. Discuss ways that you can apply these thoughts.

1. Notice God just did something great!
2. Keep concrete evidence of what He did
3. Display that evidence in a way that prompts reflection
4. Keep telling the stories!

How can we make a MONUMENT today?
Share a MONUMENTAL FAITH story

Challenge: Over the next few weeks, have a time of "MONUMENT EXPLORING"

DIGGING DEEPER

If you would like to look at another time when an event was memorialized, read Exodus 12:1-28

1. What event does this passage describe?
2. How were they told to memorialize it? (vs 21-23)
3. Why? (vs 24-28)
4. What are the similarities of Joshua 4:6 and Exodus 12:26-27?

Notice the word "when" in these two passages. Why do you suppose the verses didn't use the word "if"?

BUILDING MY MONUMENTS

Use these questions as brainstorming material to get your writing—or a discussion—started. Suggestions: Keep a journal; use recipe file; post "monuments" online; keep a "monuments" file on your computer; write a book; read stories and retell them!

PROVISION

"Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles..." Psalm 105:5

Have you ever seen God provide food or clothing or housing or something else for you or your family in an unexpected, miraculous way? What happened?

PROTECTION

"But do not be afraid... remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh..." Deuteronomy 7:18

Is there a way God protected you – kept you out of an accident or healed you?

PRAYERS

"Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles..." 1 Chronicles 16:12

How have you seen God answer prayers in ways that encourage you as you look back?

PERSONAL LIFE

"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you." Deuteronomy 8:10

In what ways has God blessed you with satisfaction?

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

"Remember those earlier days after you had received this light..." Hebrews 10:32

How did you come to faith in Christ? How is this monument for you?

PREVIOUS GENERATIONS

"Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past..." Deuteronomy 32:7

Is there a story about how God worked in the life of your parents or grandparents that you love to think about? Is there a miracle of God in scripture that you particularly love to think about? Why?