

READ

Joshua 4:1-24

CONSIDER

Imagine a grandfather sitting by a fireplace, telling his grandchildren about a time when he was lost in the wilderness, unsure if he would ever find his way home. But then, he remembers the small trail markers he had left behind—stones carefully placed to remind him of where he had been and guide him forward.

Just like those markers, God commanded the Israelites to set up twelve stones after crossing the Jordan River. Joshua 3 sets the stage by describing how God stopped the flooded Jordan so His people could cross on dry ground. The priests, carrying the Ark of the Covenant, stepped in first, and as soon as they did, the waters stopped flowing. The entire nation crossed while the priests stood in the middle, showing that God was leading them. This miracle confirmed Joshua's leadership, just as He had done for Moses at the Red Sea.

But why did God tell them to take twelve stones from the riverbed and set up a memorial? What was so significant about this act that God wanted every generation to remember? This Sunday, we will uncover the powerful lesson behind those stones and how they can shape our faith today.

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PRAY

Dear God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude, remembering Your faithfulness through every generation. Just as You led the Israelites across the Jordan, You have led us through trials, provided for our needs, and strengthened us in times of uncertainty. Today, we lift up our families, our church, and our community, asking that we never forget Your mighty works. Lord, help us to recognize and celebrate the spiritual milestones in our lives. Open our eyes to see how You have been at work, and give us boldness to share our testimonies with the next generation. May our lives be living memorials that point others to Your power and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DIVING DEEPER

1. What are your family's spiritual milestones?

- Just as the Israelites set up memorial stones to remember God's faithfulness, reflect on key moments in your family's spiritual journey.
- Have there been times when God clearly provided, guided, or answered prayers?
- How can you document or celebrate these moments (e.g., journaling, pictures, or special traditions)?

2. How are you passing down the stories of God's faithfulness to the next generation or each other?

- What intentional ways can you share testimonies of God's work with your children, grandchildren, or younger believers?
- Are there family traditions, storytelling moments, or faith-building activities that reinforce God's presence in your family history?

3. What personal or communal 'memorial stones' can you create to remind yourself of God's faithfulness?

- What personal or church-wide practices can help you and your community regularly reflect on God's goodness?
- How can small groups or ministries reinforce these reminders in everyday life?