

Stacking Stones

8/9/26

God calls His people to remember His faithfulness. Throughout Scripture, God established memorials so future generations would know what He had done. Today, believers become "living stones," displaying God's power, grace, and faithfulness through their lives.

Remember God's Faithfulness: Joshua 4:1–9, 20–24

After Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry ground, God instructed Joshua to have one man from each tribe carry a stone from the middle of the river. These twelve stones would become a memorial so future generations would ask, "What do these stones mean?" and hear the story of God's miraculous provision.

Consider:

- Why is remembering God's faithfulness important?
- What victories has God brought you through that you should never forget?
- How can sharing your testimony strengthen someone else's faith?

God Often Works When We Cannot:

The Jordan River was overflowing during flood season, making the crossing impossible by human ability. God intentionally led His people into a situation where only His power could make a way.

Scripture to Reflect On:

- Joshua 3:13–17
- Proverbs 3:5–6
- 2 Corinthians 12:9

Consider:

- Have you experienced a season where your own resources were not enough?
- How did God demonstrate His faithfulness during that time?
- What step of obedience is God asking you to take today?

Obedience Comes Before Provision: Throughout Scripture, God's people often had to take a step of faith before they saw God provide. Faith is demonstrated through obedience, even when the outcome is unknown.

Scripture to Reflect On:

- Hebrews 11:1
- James 2:17
- Joshua 3:15–17

Consider:

- What does obedience look like in your current season?
- Are there areas where fear has prevented you from taking a step of faith?

Jesus Is the Cornerstone: The memorial stones throughout the Old Testament ultimately point to Jesus Christ. Isaiah prophesied about the coming Cornerstone, and the New Testament reveals Jesus as the foundation of our faith.

Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 28:16
- Ephesians 2:20
- 1 Peter 2:4–8

Everything believers build should rest upon Christ.

Consider:

- Is Christ truly the foundation of your decisions, priorities, and relationships?
- What areas of your life need to be more firmly built upon Him?

Living Stones:

Peter teaches that believers are now "living stones" being built into God's spiritual house. Rather than simply remembering God's works through physical monuments, Christians are called to live in such a way that others see God's transforming power.

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 2:5

Consider:

- Would someone looking at your life recognize God's work in you?
- How are your family, worship, generosity, and service pointing others to Christ?

Investing in the Next Generation: The stones at Gilgal were established so children yet unborn would hear about God's faithfulness. Likewise, every act of faith today can impact generations to come.

Key Scripture:

- Psalm 78:4–7
- Deuteronomy 6:6–9

Consider:

- What spiritual legacy are you leaving?
- How can you intentionally invest in the next generation of believers?

Key Truths from Today's Message:

- God often displays His greatest power when our own strength is insufficient.
- Faith requires obedience before we see God's provision.

- Memorials help future generations remember God's faithfulness.
- Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone upon whom our faith is built.
- Believers are called to become living testimonies of God's grace.
- Our greatest legacy is not buildings or possessions but people whose lives are transformed by Christ.

Scriptures to Read This Week:

Monday: Joshua 3–4

Tuesday: Isaiah 28:16

Wednesday: Ephesians 2:19–22

Thursday: 1 Peter 2:4–10

Friday: Psalm 78:1–8

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1–16

Sunday: Reflect on one way God has been faithful in your life and share that testimony with someone this week:

Prayer:

"Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness throughout every season of life. Help me remember Your goodness, trust You when circumstances seem impossible, and build my life firmly upon Jesus Christ, the Chief Cornerstone. Make my life a living testimony that points others to You and leaves a legacy of faith for future generations. Amen."



BACK TO SCHOOL APPRECIATION

August Love Your Neighbor

- *Pray for school employees
- *Send an encouraging card
- *Bake cookies for a school
- *Give your favorite school employee a gift card
- *Drop off school supplies
- *Volunteer at a school of your choice
- *Stock the teacher's lounge with treat

Men's coffee
Thursdays @
6am in the
Terrace

PRAYER
& PRAISE

8/31 @ 6pm in the Sanctuary

Going Beyond

VIRTUAL EVENT

PRISCILLA SHIRER

Worship with Anthony Evans

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Saturday, September 19th
9am-3:30pm

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