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25th Anniversary

An Old Story About Stones

Joshua 4:1 *When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, 2 "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, 3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."*

The Power of Remembering

Remembering helps me be grateful to God

Joshua 4:6 *to serve as a sign among you . . .*

Remembering helps me be obedient to God

Deuteronomy 8:6 *Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land — a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.*

10 *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.*

Deuteronomy 6:18 *Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you . . .*

Remembering helps me be humble before God

Deuteronomy 8:12 *Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud... 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."*

Remembering helps me prepare the next generation

Joshua 4 6 . . . *In the future, when your children ask you, "What do these stones mean?" 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."*

Deuteronomy 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your*

foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

A New Story About Stones

1 Peter 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him — 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

I am a living stone built on Jesus, the cornerstone.

I am a living testimony.

I am a temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.