

NOTES: Not Done Yet | 25 Year Celebration

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Joshua 4. 1-9

The twelve stone were to be laid at the location of the miracle.

1. In life we are building. Always building
2. Reminders of God's goodness and faithfulness
Rainbow (Genesis 9.15) the Passover (Exodus 12:23-28) the Ark of the Covenant Communion

It was to be built out of stone

1. A common resource- gravel, sand, piles by fields.
2. Stone is the #1 building material today. Bricks, concrete, mortar.
3. Stones Last- the church and work of Christ will last! Jesus is the foundation.

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—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." (1 Peter 2:4–5)

People moved the Stones

The Holy Spirit did not miraculously move all the stones. He had people do it.
God always uses people for His purposes!

They were to be there so no one forgets God's goodness (v. 6)

1. We cannot forget the Lord's goodness
2. His constant provision of His presence and salvation

They were there so that faith would be repeated/generational

1. The next generation are so valuable to us.
2. Why are those stone there?

The Lord had them do this because they were not done yet (v. 2)

Lord stopped the journey and took time to do this for their faith.
Trials were in their future. Test, resistance. They would to remember God's power.

***The Stones Remind of the past, but may your stone be a reminder that you are part of God's future.
He is not done yet! He is not done with the church, or our lives. He is building His Church.***

Sermon Discussion Questions: Not Done Yet | 25 Year Celebration

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For small group, personal, and family study.

1. Read Joshua 4. 1-9

2. What happened before the stones were stacked in the River?

3. What are some reasons Pastor gave for the stones? What did the Lord say in these verses?

4. Jesus said we build our lives on the foundation or stone of Jesus. Jesus uses people in our lives to help us stay on the Rock. Who was a rock in your life? Who has helped you build on the foundation of Jesus? What did they do to help you?

5. Are there people in your life or family God is using you to help them, to serve the Lord?

6. Pastor shared this verse:

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7. How is the Lord building a spiritual house? How does he do that in us? Anything else in these verses speak to your heart?

8. What can we do to give the Lord room and permission to build His will in us?

9. Pastor said the Lord took time to do this because of the trials and tests in the future that Israel had in their future as they possessed the Promised Land. Has this happened to you? Has the Lord shown you his power in the past, so you would have the faith for the future? Can you share?