



**CONQUERING
CANAAN**

LESSONS FROM LIFE OF JOSHUA



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04: REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE

“When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, **2** ‘Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. **3** **Tell them, ‘Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.’**’ **4** So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. **5** He told them, ‘Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the

Joshua 4:1-7 (NLT)

Ark of the LORD your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. **6 We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 7 Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”**

Joshua 4:1-7 (NLT)

Deuteronomy 6:12 (NLT) — “...be careful not to forget the LORD, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.”



memorial

- (Heb) “to remember”
- Important because we have a tendency to FORGET


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1. A Time to Remember What God Has Done

Joshua 4:7 (NLT) — “Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”



Memorial Stones Were to Remind of:

1. **PERSONAL EXPERIENCES**

2.

3.

**What Kind of
Memorials Do You Have
in Your Life?**




Memorial Stones Were to Remind of:

1. Personal Experiences
2. **PEOPLE**
- 3.



Memorial Stones Were to Remind of:

1. Personal Experiences
2. People
3. **The PAST**



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2. Basis of Sharing Faith with Your Children

Joshua 4:6–7 (NLT) — “We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future **your children will ask you**, ‘What do these stones mean?’ **7** Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”

Joshua 4:21–23 (NLT) — “Then Joshua said to the Israelites, **“In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’** **22** Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ **23** For the LORD your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over.”

**Christianity is never
more than one
generation away from
extinction.**



How Far America Has Drifted...

1962 - Prayer in schools is declared illegal

1963 - Bible reading in Schools was prohibited

1980 – Declared illegal to post the Ten Commandments in the schools

Deuteronomy 6:12–15 (NLT) — **“be careful not to forget the LORD, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. 13 You must fear the LORD your God and serve him.** When you take an oath, you must use only his name. **14** ‘You must not worship any of the gods of neighboring nations, **15 for the LORD your God, who lives among you, is a jealous God.** His anger will flare up against you, and he will wipe you from the face of the earth.’”



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3. A Sign Post to the World

Joshua 4:24 (NLT) — “He did this so **all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD’s hand is powerful**, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever.”



The Whole

WORLD

Will Know

**Time of Renewing
Personal Commitment.**

Joshua 4:8 (NLT) — “So the men did as Joshua had commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, one for each tribe, just as the LORD had told Joshua. They carried them to the place where they camped for the night and constructed the memorial there.”

Joshua 4:9 (NLT) — “Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing. And they are there to this day.”



Joshua Piled Up 12 More Stones...

- A personal act of worship
- A very private act
- Represented a pivotal moment in his walk with God

**Time of Rolling Away
Old Defeats.**

10th Day of the 4th Month

Exactly 40 years **TO THE DAY** that
Israel Marched Out of Egypt!



Gilgal

- On eastern border of Jericho
- “the reproach has been rolled away”

Remembering What God Has Done.

**Basis for Sharing Faith With Our
Children.**

A Sign Post to the World.



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