

# AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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## Topic: Remembering God's Mighty Works

### Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we gather in Your presence, we open our hearts and minds to Your Word. "The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him" (Psalm 28:7). Help us to understand and apply the lessons You have for us today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Read: Joshua 4

Imagine the scene: the Israelites, after years of wandering in the desert, finally crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land. The waters part, and the people walk across on dry ground. What a momentous occasion! God instructs Joshua to have twelve men, one from each tribe, take a stone from the middle of the Jordan River. These stones are to be set up as a memorial.

The act of taking these stones serves as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and power. Each stone is a tangible representation of God's miraculous provision and guidance. In Hebrew, the word for "memorial" (זִכָּרוֹן, zikkaron) implies more than just a remembrance; it suggests something that brings to mind a significant event with deep spiritual implications.

God's command to set up these stones had a specific purpose: to ensure that future generations would remember and inquire about God's mighty works. In Joshua 4:6-7, we read, "that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

This practice of remembrance is vital in our spiritual lives. We often face challenges and forget the numerous ways God has previously intervened and provided for us.

These "stones of remembrance" can take various forms in our lives: a journal entry about a prayer answered, a photograph that captures a significant moment of God's faithfulness, or a simple object that reminds us of His provision.

Just as the Israelites were encouraged to remember and recount God's deeds, we too must cultivate a habit of remembering and sharing God's faithfulness with others. This not only strengthens our faith but also serves as a testimony to those around us, especially to the next generation.

### **Conclusion:**

As we reflect on Joshua 4, let us consider the "stones" in our own lives. What tangible reminders do we have of God's faithfulness? How can we ensure that we remember and share these stories with others, especially our children?

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **For Students:**

1. What are some ways you can remember God's faithfulness in your daily life?
2. How can you share stories of God's provision with your friends?
3. Why is it important to remember and talk about God's deeds?

#### **For Parents:**

1. How can you create "stones of remembrance" for your family?
2. What are some significant moments where you have seen God's hand in your family's life?
3. How can you encourage your children to trust in God's faithfulness?

#### **For Professionals:**

1. How can you remind yourself of God's faithfulness during stressful times at work?
2. What are some ways you can share your testimony of God's provision with colleagues?
3. How can remembering God's past faithfulness impact your decision-making and outlook at work?

**This week, choose one significant event where you experienced God's faithfulness and create a "stone of remembrance." It could be writing about it in your journal, sharing the story with a friend, or placing an object in your home or workspace to remind you of God's goodness.**