

***Promised Land***  
**Called to Remember**  
Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

**Joshua 4: 1-7 NIV**

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup>“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup>and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

<sup>4</sup>So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup>and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup>to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup>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.”

1. **Create a Memorial.** How do you capture and remember the mighty things God has done for you? How can you better remember?
2. **Tell Others.** How often do you tell others of all God has done for you? Who could benefit through your testimonies?
3. **Revere and Worship God.** What is your response to God’s faithfulness? Where is God held in your heart?

**Conclusion:** God supernaturally provided as Israel acted by faith. Israel was called to remember and worship God.

God is the same God today as He was then and will be tomorrow. **We too must remember**, by proclaiming His faithfulness in our lives. We too must worship God with all our heart. This is how we enter

the promised land.

**LIFE GROUP LESSON**  
**Called to Remember**

Week of January 22- January 28, 2023

**Ice Breaker:** Why is it so important to remember how God has shown up in our past?

**Read Joshua 4: 1-7.**

1. Why were 12 men chosen? What is their significance? (v.2)
2. What were these men to do? (v.3) What location were they to gather from? Why?
3. Where were they to put the stones? Why?
4. How big were the stones? What was their purpose? (vs. 5-6)
5. What were the Israelites told to do regarding these stones and their children? (v.7)
6. Has this instruction changed for us today, or are we still to tell our children about God’s faithfulness?
7. Read Deuteronomy 8:18. What is the command? Who gives us the ability to be prosperous? Why is the command important to heed?
8. Read 1 Samuel 7:7-12. What did Samuel do? Why?
9. What did he name the stone? What does that mean? Can it be helpful to remember specific names of God? How so?
10. How important were memorials in the Jewish culture? How important are spiritual memorials for us today?
11. Read Psalm 105: 1-2. What are we to do specifically? Why?
12. What happens when we speak of God’s faithfulness-to us? To others? Why don’t we do it more often?
13. Read Revelation 12:11. How do we overcome the enemy? If we are feeling the enemy closing in, what should we do more of?
14. Read Joshua 4:24. Why does God do what He does?
15. Read Galatians 3:2-5. Why does God work miracles among us? What is required of us first?
16. Is it your own striving that brings forth God’s miracle provision? Or is it your faith in Him and steps of obedience that release His miracles?
17. Read Luke 4:8. What are we commanded to do? Why is this of the utmost importance to do consistently and from our whole heart?

**Point to ponder:** Worship promotes obedience. Obedience promotes worship. We are called to remember and tell of the faithfulness of God. By doing so it leads our heart into reverent worship of all that He is.