

Memorials of God's Faithfulness

Joshua 4:1-7 ESV

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4 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, **2** "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, **3** and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'" **4** Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. **5** And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, **6** that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' **7** 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."

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"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love
and the future to God's providence." **St. Augustine**

1. We discover courage to face today's challenges when we remember past **victories**.

"If God was faithful to you yesterday, you have reason to trust Him for tomorrow."

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I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

Psalms 77:11-12 NIV

2. We share our experience, strength, and hope as our witness of God's **faithfulness**.

It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

Psalms 44:3 NIV

3. We have a responsibility to tell our stories to the next **generation**.

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 4:9 NIV