

## **MEMORIAL STONES by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff May 30, 2021**

Memorial Stones OR Stones of remembrance.

The subject of remembering the Lord and God's works of saving them and delivering them.

**Joshua 4:1** And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: **2** “Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, **3** and command them, saying, ‘Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.’ ”

**4** Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; **5** and Joshua said to them: “Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, **6** that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones *mean* to you?’ **7** Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”

**19** Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. **20** And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. **21** Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What *are* these stones?’ **22** then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; **23** for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had

crossed over, 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

This crossing of the Jordan was a great deliverance for the children of Israel and the way they would remember this and have them teach their kids about it was to set up 12 physical stones in remembrance.

## **1. Remember the Lord**

**Psalm 34:1** I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

**2** My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;  
The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.

**Deuteronomy 8:2** And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. **3** So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

Jesus paid such a high price for us. The level of gratitude for something comes with an appreciation of what a great sacrifice someone paid for something.

## **2. Remember the Lord's provision**

**Joshua 4:4** Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. **5** You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.

**6** “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. **7** For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good

land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; **8** a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; **9** a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. **(SOUNDS LIKE ORANGE COUNTY)** **10** When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

**11** “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, **12** lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; **13** and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;

I often when thanking the Lord when praying with my boys thank Him for:

-Our home

-Cars

-Food

-Everything we have

Nothing is sadder than a child who feels entitled. We need to be grateful for everything we have as there are many grown up in very poor families in poor nations that have very little.

**Psalm 100:1** Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

**2** Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

**3** Know that the LORD, He *is* God;

*It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves;

*We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**4** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
*And* into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

**5** For the LORD *is* good;  
His mercy *is* everlasting,  
And His truth *endures* to all generations.

### **3. Remember what He delivered you from**

Some of you would be dead right now if it hadn't been for the Lord's protection and deliverance.

Drugs and Alcohol

Anger

ADDICTIONS

Poverty

Bondage

Loneliness, sorrow, pain, fear

**Joshua 4:14** when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; **15** who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; **16** who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— **17** then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' (**PRIDE AND PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL**)

**Colossians 1:12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

#### **4. Remember how He has blessed you**

**18** “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. **20** As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

**Deuteronomy 28:3** “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country.

**4** “Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

**5** “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

**6** “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

**7** “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

**8** “The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

GOD GAVE YOU YOUR BRAIN, INTELLECT, IDEAS, CONNECTIONS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, INVESTORS. WHY? FOR HIS KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT

## **5. How will you be remembered**

DO NOT SET UP FOR YOURSELF MONUMENTS

### **SAUL**

**1 Samuel 15:12** So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."

### **ABSALOM**

**2 Samuel 18:18** Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which *is* in the King's Valley. For he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." He called the pillar after his own name.

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**1 Peter 5:5** Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

"God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble."

### **AS FOR US**

We need to align our visions close to the Lords. **Mathew 28** and **Mark 16**, GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL'

- What Mark did you make on earth? Saul and Absalom made a monument to the Lord. U can make one to God with your treasure, gifts and talents

What spiritual or physical inheritance are u gonna leave behind

Let's unite as a church family

1. building

2. evangelism school to raise up 250 stwf teams and thousands of evangelists