

## **LEST WE FORGET**

### **Joshua 4:1-24**

***“Be careful that you do not forget the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery” (Deuteronomy 6:12 NIV).***

## **THE STORY**

### **1. THEY TASTED SUCCESS**

*“The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground” (Joshua 3:17 NIV).*

### **2. THEY SET UP MEMORIAL STONES**

*“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, 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” (Joshua 4:2-3 NIV).*

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV).*

*“And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan” (Joshua 4:20 NIV).*

*“In the future, when your descendants ask their fathers, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what He had done to the Red Sea when He dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God” (Joshua 4:21-24 NIV).*

*“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us’” (1 Samuel 7:12 NIV).*

### **3. THEY FORGOT ANYWAY!**

*“Joshua, son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten....After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel” (Judges 2:8,10 NIV).*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **\*We Are One Generation from Degeneration**

### **\*We Must Uphold and Teach Biblical Values**

*“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land... When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. **BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DO NOT FORGET** the Lord your God, failing to observe His commandments, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplies, then your heart will become proud and **YOU WILL FORGET** the Lord your God...” (Deuteronomy 8:7-14 NIV).*

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**\*We Must Establish Personal Memorial Stones “Lest We Forget!”**

- What is worth remembering?
- What is your Ebenezer?
- What do you say when people ask you about the memorial stones you have established?