



The Stone of Witness

Joshua 24:25-27

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I. Covenant Renewal

- Abraham —> Isaac —> Jacob (Israel) —> 12 tribes
- Genesis 12:6- Abraham enters Shechem.
- Exodus 1:8-11- Israel enslaved by Egypt.
- Deuteronomy 27:2-4- Moses' call to renew the covenant at Mt. Ebal.
- Joshua 8:30-35- Joshua renews the covenant on Mt. Ebal.
- Joshua 24:15- "choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"
- Joshua 24:25-27- The covenant and the stone of witness.

II. The Stone of Witness (1400 BC)

- Shechem excavations:
 - Hermann Thiersch (1874-1939)- University of Halle 1903-1904
 - Ernst Sellin (1864-1946): University of Vienna - 1913-14, 1920's
 - F. G. Welter (1890-1954): Ecole Biblique (Jerusalem)- 1928-1933
 - G. Ernest Wright (1909-1974): Harvard University- 1956-1968
- Judges 9:6- ...and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.
- Judges 9:45- house of El-berith ("God of the covenant")

III. What we learn from Joshua's stone of witness

1. God is a _____.
 - **Noah**- Genesis 9:9-17; **Abraham**- Genesis 15:18; **Moses**- Exodus 19:5; **David**- Psalm 139:11-12
 - **New Covenant** - Jeremiah 31:31, Luke 22:20
2. It's a monument to our inability to _____.
 - Joshua 24:19-20-... "You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God..."
 - Romans 3:23, 6:23
3. God is _____ to keep his covenant
 - Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 89:34, Daniel 9:11-14, Amos 3:2
4. Reminds us of God's _____.
 - Hebrews 9:15, Isaiah 53:5, Romans 3:25-26, Gal. 3:13

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What's Going on at The Bridge Community:

As a church we want to **"help people find Jesus and follow him fully."** When we are following Jesus fully, we will be doing the following 4 things:



1. **Reaching** out in service to others.

- **Have a need?:** If you or someone you know has a need, please contact us by clicking on the "Need Assistance?" link on the website or in the app. This is the **BEST** way to notify several leaders of how we can help!
- **Serving at TBC:** Jesus blesses us with *time, talent, and treasure* **and** plenty of opportunities to use them all for Him! Connect with Rob at rob@thebridgeutah.org.
- **Starting Point Luncheon:** Sunday, October 19th at TBC. If you are newer to TBC and want to know more about the church, we encourage you to attend. Sign up in the app.



2. **Teaching** others to delight in God and obey His calling in their lives.

- Sign up to go through a one-on-one discipleship program, **Roots**. Fill out the Get Involved card on the church center app, or contact Kevin at kevin@thebridgeutah.org.



3. **Growing** upward (in intimacy with God) and outward (in community)

- **Men's Bible Studies:** Tuesdays at 6:00am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm at TBC. Sign up in the app! Ongoing
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Tuesdays at 7:00pm at TBC, and Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom. More info is available in the app.
- **A Year With Jesus:** Join us as we read all four Gospels, three times this year! This month, we are reading through Mark. Read at your own pace in anticipation of Luke in November!
- **Marriage Class:** Couple Connect, Oct. 12-Nov. 16, 1:30-3:30pm, at TBC. The cost is \$60/couple. Sign up in the app.
- **Small Groups:** Groups are now open for signup! Find details in the app.
- **High School Retreat:** October 16-18, Garden City, UT. See the app for details.
- **Men's Retreat:** October 24-26, Lava Hot Springs, ID. See the app for details.



4. **Going** and making disciples, seeking and saving the lost.

- **A Night of Prayer for Utah's Harvest Crusade:** Sunday, October 19th at 6:00pm at TBC. Please join us as we come together to pray for God's hand over Pastor Greg Laurie and the Harvest team in anticipation of November 16th.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Check out the OCC guidelines at samaritanspurse.org for a list of acceptable items and pack a box for the Gospel. Boxes will be available on Nov. 2, and National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24
- **Pray** for Church Plants and missionary work that we support:
 - Neighborhood Church in Daybreak, Utah.
 - Summit 419 in Coalville, Utah.
 - Haley Horton in Bulgaria.

Other Announcements:

- **Tithes and Offerings** may be dropped off in the giving box at the West sanctuary entrance. (Contact cards or Easter Response cards may be dropped here as well).
- **On-line giving information:** Give online at <https://thebridgeutah.org/giving> or through the "Give" icon at the bottom of our Church Center App.
- **Got Wifi?:** Network name: TBC Guest, and the password is: SimplyJesus.