

# **Remembering**

## **#6 in a Series on Victorious Living, Joshua 4:1-24**

### **A God Moment**

<sup>15</sup>Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, <sup>16</sup>the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away..." Joshua 3:15-16 (NIV)

"...These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." (4:7)

A memorial is not an altar of worship or shrine of superstition. A memorial is a reminder of who God is, what He has promised and how He wants us to live.

### **When we memorialize those God moments...**

#### **1. We combat our own forgetfulness.**

"Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder...<sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you." (Joshua 4:5-6)

### **What other signs in the Bible has God given us?**

Noah (Gen. 9:13)...

Abraham (Gen. 17:11)...

Moses (Ex. 13:21, 31)...

In 1 Cor. 11:24-25...

In Matthew 28:19...

In the Book of Acts...

## 2. We take responsibility to teach future generations.

“In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’” (4:6, 21)

## 3. We honor what God has done.

“For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over....” (4:23)

## 4. We give others an opportunity to hear.

“He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful ....” (4:24)

## 5. We express our fear of God.

“...and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.” (4:24)

## Remember, when building a memorial...

...it *does not* have to be elaborate.

...it *does* have to remind you of an important lesson.

...it *should not* point to us but to God.

...it *should* remind us of a truth worth repeating.