

Joshua 4:5-7 (NLT) "Each of you must pick up one stone We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future, your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a permanent memorial among the people of Israel."

What do I need to remember about the past?

1. Remember when you FIRST came to CHRIST.

Hebrews 10:32 "Don't ever forget those early days when you first received Christ, when you stood your ground."

Revelation 2: 4-5 "I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first."

Ephesians 1:18-19 (Msg) "(We experience knowing Him personally) having our eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling (us) to do, grasping the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for Christians, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him – endless energy, boundless strength!"



2. Remember the MIRACLES that God does.

1 Chronicles 16:12 "Remember the miracles He has done, His wonders and His decisions."

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Remember that the Lord is the only God and that He is faithful."



What do I need to remember in the present?

3. We need to remember to be GRACIOUS.

Colossians 3:13 "Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you so you must also forgive others."



4. We need to remember to be GENEROUS.

The first reason you want to be generous is that it makes you HAPPY.

Acts 20:32-35 "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus. It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The second reason you want to be generous is that it just makes SENSE.

2 Corinthians 9:6 "Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

What God Wants You To Remember

The third reason you should be generous is because it shows the world what [GOD IS LIKE](#).

2 Corinthians 9:13 "You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the good news of Christ."

2 Corinthians 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."



What do I need to remember for the future?

5. Remember that [GOD](#) is with [YOU](#).

Isaiah 43:2 "When you go through deep waters and great troubles, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up. The flames will not consume you."

Hebrews 13:5 "I will never abandon you or leave you."



6. Remember that God [FINISHES](#) what He [STARTS](#).

Philippians 1:6 it says "Being confident of this that God who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:9 (Msg) "God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, will never give up on you. Never forget that."

Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They're plans for good and not for disaster. Plans to give you a future and a hope."



Application:

What memorial do you need to set up in your heart and life this morning?

Do you need to make a recommitment of your faith in Christ?

Do you need to make a first commitment of your life to Christ?

Do you need to make a commitment to a new church family?

What do you need to do to adjust your life to what God has revealed to you this morning?

What one thing will you do this week to obey what God has revealed to you?

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:2 "Praise the LORD. O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."