

The Walk of Faith

Read Joshua 3:14–17, Joshua 4:1–13

The nation of Israel had now moved and crossed over the Jordan. Remember that typically, the Jordan was around 100 feet wide, but because God had lead them to cross over during flood stage, actually also “Passover” the river was 1 mile wide!! God never does things the way we would! As you read the above passage note that God instructed Joshua to set up memorial stones. The right reading of this passage of scripture if that two memorials were set up. One by Joshua in the middle of the Jordan and one on the other side of the Jordan. They were to be remembered as teaching points for future generations, but not to be worshipped. As God moves our lives into new places and change we must be careful not to worship the past, but instead celebrate it. You remember what God did in the past to have faith for the present!

1. Our walk with Christ is one of obedience and faith. Faith requires movement. The people had to move and the priests had to put their feet in the water.
 - ***read James 2:14–26***

Faith requires action. In the instance of Israel crossing over what did God do?

- ***the water flowing upstream was heaped up***
- ***the water flowing downstream was completely cut off***
- ***the priests stood on dry ground***
- ***the nation walked through on dry ground***

When we do our part (obedience) God does his.

2. God told Joshua to build two memorials of 12 stones. One was on the other side and the other was in the middle of the Jordan. The reason was for remembrance and to teach the generations to come. They were to teach the awesomeness of God to build faith for the present for the next generation.
 - ***read Exodus 13:14, Psalms 34:11–20, Psalm 71:17–18***

The stones were reminders to the people of the miracle working power of God! It is our responsibility to teach the next generation faith! Take some time and share stories of God’s miraculous power in your life. Remember, the same God who did that in the past is the same God who will do it today.

3. Its wonderful to remember but we cannot live in the past. We need the power of God today. The memorial stones became a snare to Israel. In the book of Hosea and Amos, they were rebuked for worshipping the memorial instead of God. Moving with God means change. To often we hang onto the things of the past thinking they are holy. If we are not moving forward in faith, we are moving backward in unbelief.
 - ***read 2 Corinthians 3:16–18***

God moves us from glory to glory or ever-increasing glory.

In closing please read Isaiah 43:18–19

