

Sermon Title: **Remember and Remember Again!**

Sermon Notes on Joshua 4:1-9, 19-24

Introduction: How are you at remembering?

Background on text:

-Israelites had some 400 years of slavery in Egypt.

-God did some incredible miracles to get them out of Egypt.

-God used Moses to lead God's people out of Egypt and to the door of the Promised Land.

-Joshua is God's hand-picked successor to Moses and has the job of claiming the Promised Land for Israel.

Main Points: We need to remember because...

1. We get stuck on ourselves and our situation! (Book of Deuteronomy)
 - a. Example of Deut. 4:9 Forgetting what God has done and His teaching.
 - b. Example of Deut. 8:1-14 Forgetting God because life is good!

Context of Joshua 4: Crossing the Jordan River...a bigger miracle than you think!

-The Jordan River at harvest, at rainy season...flood stage!

-The number of Israelites crossing the Jordan River...millions!

-The conditions of the river bed at flood stage...dry ground!

**12 stones to REMEMBER!

2. We need to ALWAYS FEAR THE LORD. (Joshua 4:24b)

a. Fearing the Lord means choosing to walk in His ways because we remember all that He has done.

b. Another pile of stones: Joshua 7:26

- **Psalm 105:5-6** says: "Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob."

3. We have something to tell all the nations...that the hand of the Lord is powerful. (Joshua 4:24a)

- a. We need memorials to tell stories to others of what God has done.
- b. **Psalm 105:1-2** says: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts."
- c. Example: "Un santuario para Hannah" (A sanctuary for Hannah)

Conclusion: Because we are so forgetful, we need to constantly be setting up memorials to remember what God has done.

-What memorials are you setting up? For yourself? For your family?

-As a community of God, what memorials should we be setting up to remember?