

## **Memorial Day Weekend Message**

**What we remember is critical to our faith.**

### Joshua 4:1-7

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup>“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup>and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

<sup>4</sup>So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup>and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup>to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘**What do these stones mean?**’ <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

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**The narrative is always a CHOICE**

### 1 Samuel 17:34-37 (David & Goliath)

But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup>The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

### Joshua 4:20-24

And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. <sup>21</sup>He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’<sup>22</sup> tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup>For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. <sup>24</sup>He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.”

**Israel had a story that God wanted told all over the world!**

**The CHURCH has a story that God wants told all over the world!**

**Our children do not know what God has done. We have to teach them.**

### Deuteronomy 6:6-9

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

### Mark 8:14-21

The disciples had forgotten to take bread and had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>Then he gave them strict orders: "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." <sup>16</sup>They were discussing among themselves that they did not have any bread. <sup>17</sup>Aware of this, he said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact you have no bread? Don't you understand or comprehend? Do you have hardened hearts? <sup>18</sup>Do you have eyes and not see; do you have ears and not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of leftovers did you collect?" "Twelve," they told him. <sup>20</sup>"When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many baskets full of pieces did you collect?" "Seven," they said. <sup>21</sup>And he said to them, "Don't you understand yet?"

**We are lazy and forgetful, and drift to believing only what is right in front of us.**

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**The most important narrative of all: Jesus and the cross**

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**"

<sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of me.**" <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.