



Stones of Remembrance

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Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

Joshua 3:9-13

¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off...

Joshua 3:15-16a

God makes a **WAY** when there is no way.

The people hurried over...

Joshua 4:10b

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ 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,

Joshua 4:4-5

⁶ to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' ⁷ 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."

Joshua 4:6-7

Often, common sense doesn't line up with **GOD'S** ways

God wants you, in the middle of your unknown to **PICK UP** stones of gratitude

The stones of gratitude will:

- Strengthen your overall emotional and physical **HEALTH**.

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

1 Timothy 6:6

- Be your true **WEALTH!**
- Equip you to survive and even thrive in the **DIFFICULTIES** of life.

That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

Joshua 4:14

- Gain you **SUPPORT** and **INFLUENCE**.

Pick up your **STONES** of gratitude.

