

“God’s **PRINCIPLES** for Success in the Unknown Ahead”

Lessons from **JOSHUA**

chapter 4



MEMORIAL STONES



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MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — “*to obey is better than sacrifice*” (1 Samuel 15:22)

We are considering the new year seeking to enjoy God’s success in the unknown ahead by applying the principles found in the book of Joshua.

2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge [*cleanse*] himself from these [*iniquity (v. 19)*], he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified [*set apart*], and meet [*useful*] for the **Master’s** use, *and* prepared unto every good work.



How will we be successful? How will we be able to faithfully follow after Him and be a useful vessel that is fit for His use?

In Joshua chapter 1 we saw a command to be **FAITHFUL TO THE WORD**. The end result of being obedient to this principle was **GODLY** success.

In Joshua 2, we considered **RAHAB’S DYNAMIC (ACTIVE) FAITH**. Rahab, by *faith*, acted upon the limited truth she heard about God and was *obedient*.

In Joshua 3 the focus shifts from the **DYNAMIC FAITH** of an **INDIVIDUAL** to the **DYNAMIC FAITH** of a **NATION** as the Israelites are called upon to take a **STEP FORWARD IN FAITH**.

Memorial Stones of God's Faithfulness (Joshua 4)

Now here in Joshua 4 there is a call to remember the FAITHFULNESS OF GOD. The command is to remember the mighty hand of God displayed in the steps of faith of His people to help us walk in the fear of God.



The key to victory is in the MEMORIAL STONES OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. The memorial stones remind us of the mighty working of God in our lives. These memorial stones encourage us to meditate on God and His wonderful works.

Lamentations 3:21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is **He** that calleth you, **Who** also will do *it*.

I. The Setting (Joshua 4:1-5)

II. The Significance (Joshua 4:6-21)

A. The Significant Question—"What mean ye by these stones?" (Joshua 4:6)

Keep in mind that God had commanded Moses to teach the people to be diligent in their theological training of the next generation (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

B. The Significant Answer—"look what God did" (Joshua 4:7)

III. The Success (Joshua 4:21-24)

Let's make a commitment to communicate what God has done.

A. Their **Redemptive Influence** upon the next **Generation**—
“*then ye shall let your children know*” (Joshua 4:22-23)

Notice the phrase “*your God*” in vs. 23-24. Giving witness of God working in our lives will encourage others to come to KNOW Jesus as their Savior or it will help them to GROW to be more like Jesus.

B. Their **Redemptive Influence** upon their “**Jerusalem**”—“*that all the people of the world may know*” (Joshua 4:24a)

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses [Grk. “*martus*”] unto **Me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

C. Their **Redemptive Living** in their “**Jerusalem**”—“*that ye might fear the LORD*” (Joshua 4:24b)

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear **God**, and keep **His** commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. 14 For **God** shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Let’s make a concerted effort to mark these times.

? What do you remember about the Lord and His working in you through that time?
How do you intentionally remember these times?

? What do others remember about those times in your life?

Take some time and write down the memorial stones of God’s faithfulness in your life. Be encouraged to take a step forward in faith seeing the faithfulness of our great God.



God’s PRINCIPLE FOR SUCCESS in the unknown ahead is also realized through remembering the MEMORIAL STONES OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS. Success is will be realized as we have REDEPTIVE INFLUENCE on the next generation and upon our Jerusalem through REDEPTIVE LIVING in “*the fear of the LORD*.”

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Ephesians 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



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Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!