

REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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WARM UP QUESTION: How do you remember events/things in your life that you should never forget?

READ: Joshua 4:1-7

FOCUS: Remembering God's Faithfulness

OBSERVE:

God's Faithfulness

- The Israelites crossing the Jordan River and entering the Promised Land marked the end of wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. The generation of adults who left Egypt in the Exodus had died in the wilderness, and now their children were finally entering the land God promised to Abraham's decedents roughly 400 years earlier.
- The land of Israel was directly connected to the people's identity as a nation, and at last God's promise was being realized in a miraculous fashion.

The Need to Remember

- Humans by nature are quick to forget. This is especially true of God's faithfulness in our lives. When valley moments come in our life, it's hard to remember the mountain top. If we fail to remind ourselves of God's goodness and faithfulness in our lives, we will inevitably drift into ungratefulness or even question if God really does care about us.
- It is imperative that Christians know their testimony, write down God's answered prayers and how He has provided for us. When we do this, we will remain in an attitude of praise and thankfulness. Furthermore, when the next storm of life comes our way, we can recall God's faithfulness that got us here and His ability to see us through this new challenge.

God's Faithfulness is Generational

- God is not only concerned with our circumstances today but also for those of the next generation. God desires for parents, grandparents, elders, spiritual parents, adults etc. to testify about His faithfulness to the next generation.
- If God's people neglect the next generation, we will be like Israel in Judges 2:10, "there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel."

REFLECT:

- Can you clearly recall the times God has proven Himself faithful in your life?
- Do you take to time to remember, thank and praise Him for answered prayers?

TAKE ACTION:

- Take a moment to either write down things you are believing God will bring so that way when the resolution comes you can remember and rejoice in God's faithfulness.
- If you have children, nieces/nephews, a spiritual child or a mentee, take some time to share your testimony with them.

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness—how You saved me and have brought me this far. Help me to always remember and stay in a posture of praise and thankfulness for all You have done. Help me to teach the next generation of Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

