

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

TWELVE STONES (JOSHUA 4)

We can only imagine what the Israelites were thinking when they were preparing to cross the Jordan River. God was going to help Joshua and the Israelites cross the Jordan River as God had helped Moses cross the Red Sea. The priests carried the Tabernacle, which was a sign of God's presence. As they cross the river, they were amazed at how God had stopped the water from flowing. After all of the people had crossed the river, God instructed Joshua to "select twelve people, one from each tribe," to pick up twelve stones and place them at their camps. This was to be a reminder to the Israelites about what God did that day.

God can use a significant moment in our lives, such as a son watching his father who was a former alcoholic now being baptized, to testify of how God has been faithful to the prayers of his people. Other times, God uses a simple moment, such as having a conversation about food or music with a stranger from a different faith, to remind us that God loves humanity. Those moments are markers that God uses to help remind us that he was present, is present, and will always be present. Those markers are holy moments that we can come back to again and again to remind us of who God is and what has been done for us personally and as a community.

Just as God commanded Joshua to place those twelve stones as markers, the markers in our lives can be testimonies of our faith and what God has done for us. As we share our story with others, we lead them to Holy Ground where God was present in that story, and God is present now as we share this story.

What are some stories that we can come back to that will help us see the faithfulness of God? Are we willing to share our stories with others so they can experience Jesus as well?