

Series: THRIVE2025!

Title: Memorials of Faith:

Text: (Joshua 4:1-24)

Introduction:

Israel stands on the edge of the Promises of God.

Israel was to remember this day!

God will instruct Israel to setup a memorial:

I. The Witness of Faith: (Vs 1-9)

A. God's Command: (Vs 1-3)

B. Joshua's Obedience: (Vs 4-5)

C. Public Memorial: (Vs 8, 20)

1. Symbolizes: Resurrection, Newness of Life

D. Personal Memorial: (Vs 9)

1. Symbolizes: Death, Burial

II. The Obedience of Faith: (Vs 10-13)

A. True Faith Expressed in Obedience:

1. OT Examples: (James 1:21-26)

2. More than Talk: (Matt 7:21)

3. The Bible in Action: (Josh 1:8)

III. The Result of Faith: (Vs 14-18)

A. Obedience always precedes blessing.

IV. The Purpose of Faith: (Vs 6-7; 19-24)

A. God's Purpose in the Memorial: (vs 6-7)

1. To Remind those who know the story:

2. To Arouse questions from future generations:

3. Teach future generations about God: (James 2:17-18)

4. God was creating a National Legacy: (vs 21)

B. Passing God's Truth to Others:

1. Stones of (Joshua 4:20) were a Material Witness

2. Bible Doctrines are a Spiritual Witness: (Duet 6)

a. Our Personal Testimony: (Vs 6)

i. Our Hope: (1 Pet 3:15)

ii. Our Love, Joy, Peace, etc. (Gal 2:22)

b. Our Parental Testimony: (Vs 7)

(James 3:1-18) Do you have your Bridle on?

(James 1:19-27) How are we doing? We OK?

c. Our Public Testimony: (Vs 8-9)(Matt 5:37-48)

d. Our Practice: (Vs 16-19) Obey w/o Compromise

e. Our Faithfulness in Prosperity/Poverty (Vs 10-13)
(Prov 30:8-9)

f. Our Faithfulness when Popular/Passe':(Vs 14-15)

i. Peculiar: (Titus 2:14)(1 Peter 2:9)

g. Our Progeny: (Vs 20-24) Legacy

h. Our Preservation: (Vs 25) Eternal Testimony

C. God was creating a World Wide Legacy: (Josh 4:24)

1. A Witness to the World at that Time: (Vs 24a)

2. A Witness to the World for all Time: (Vs 24b)

B/c of the enduring legacy of Israel, they would be a witness to every generation of the World.