

Encounter these verses today:

*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



Joshua 4:109 [NIV]

:: Entering the Promised Land ::

¹ When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

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, 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."

⁸ So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. ⁹ Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.



What is God speaking to you this morning ...



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 5.31.2010

Reading: Exodus 20:8

Sabbath. Have you experienced a God-centered day of rest recently? I hope that today, Memorial Day, will be a restful day of Sabbath worship for you.

Think about it:

God gave us a pattern of living that included patterned rest. How are you doing with the balance of rest in your life?

Pray for: *Directory families: Strong thru Taylor*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 6.01.2010

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-9

You've heard it said, "the mind is a terrible thing to lose," and so are the memories that go with it. God designed us to be able to forget (and for good purpose) but there are also many things we must remember in order to worship Him completely.

Think about it:

As the people came into the Promised Land, God instructed them to remember all that they had been through. Have you recently taken inventory of your journey toward faith?

Pray for: *Directory families: Tesner thru Turk*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 6.02.2010

Reading: Deuteronomy 11:1-9

Another passage today of remembrance. Do you treasure the past? Do you wish things were the way they used to be? Have you shared with your children recently some of the 'good old days' and allowed them to experience that memory with you?

Think about it:

Your experiences in life need to be shared with those around you - especially with your children and family. Share with them today.

Pray for: *Directory families: Unger thru Voight*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 6.03.2010

Reading: Matthew 26:39-35; 69-75

The scene of Peter's denial of Christ within the remaining moments of his life is painful. How many times have followed in this way: bold declaration followed by shameful rejection.

Think about it:

How can we use "memorials" or ways of "remembrance" to keep us from denial & rejection?

Pray for: *Directory families: Wallace thru Whitcomb*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 6.04.2010

Reading: Revelation 21:5-7

Our study this week shifts gears today as we look toward this Sunday, "Graduation Sunday." In graduating, many are completing a certain level of training - high school, college, etc. But these celebrations also signify the beginning of something new.

Think about it:

Have you felt that God has something new for you? Are you hungry that He provides a fresh start for you?

Pray for: *Directory families: Wickerham thru Young*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 6.05.2010

Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

Isaiah prophesied about judgment and God's love. The words he wrote on this day speak of moving forward and forgetting the past (which could feel like the completely opposite of our study this week so far). While we should remember the past, what Isaiah is saying is that we can't DWELL on the past.

Think about it:

Do you feel like the world is wasting away? Do you feel that way because the "old ways" are no longer? Can we believe that God is doing a NEW THING? What is God doing in your life that is new?

Pray for: *Directory families: Zimmerman, Adams*

Reflections: _____

