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**Sermon: *“Mighty Memories Fixed in Stones”***

**Scripture: Joshua 4**

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**Introduction:**

* One of the greatest enemies of faith is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The stones of remembrance at Gilgal were a teaching tool for the next generation.**

*Joshua 4:1-8, 20-24)*

* Knowledge of God and His works are essential to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*Scripture: Hosea 4:6; Colossians 1:10; Isaiah 4:10*

* Knowing truth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God is not the equivalent of knowing God.

*Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-3; 13:2*

* The proper knowledge of God leads to the proper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to God.

*Scripture: Psalm 145:4*

* Sadly, the next\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Israel neither knew nor reverenced God.

*Scripture: Judges 2:10-11*

1. **The stones of remembrance in the Jordan River were a witness of God’s faithfulness.**

*Joshua 4:9-18*

At the Jordan crossing, God clearly affirmed:

* His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** “I am with you.” (v. 9-10)
* His\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** “I will speak to you.” (v. 14)
* His\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** “I will deliver you.” (v. 19)
* His\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** “I will fight for you.” (v. 23b-24a)

Today, we are “living stones,” memorializing through our lives… *(1 Peter 2:5, 9)*

* God’s indwelling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God’s living \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God’s promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God’s power to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

* Every stone of remembrance should remind us of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is rooted in knowing, remembering and responding.

**Questions to Consider:**

* Why is forgetfulness so deadly to faith?
* Why did the source of the stones matter?
* What was the significance of the location of each pile of stones?
* What is the significance of knowledge to a proper response to God?
* What is a danger of knowledge about God? How can it be deceptive?
* What are some events in your life or the life of our church that highlight God’s work?
* In what ways ought our lives be living memorials to God?