

REMEMBER THE HAND OF THE LORD IS POWERFUL

Joshua 4:1-5:1

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Introduction

- Recall the factors that accomplished the crossing of the Jordan River.
- Now Israel is instructed to commemorate the crossing.

Set up a memorial (4:1-9)

- Humans are prone to forgetfulness.
- Purpose of the memorial – to remember God’s leading & power (vv. 5-7).
- Places of the memorial – at Gilgal (v. 3, 19-20), and in middle of the Jordan (v. 9).

Step out of the Jordan (4:10-18)

- The barrier to God’s Promised Land has been crossed.
- Mission accomplished through careful obedience to God’s instructions.

Stay focussed (4:19-5:1)

- Memorials are not just for information; they are for inspiration (vv. 21-22).
- Throughout Israel’s history (from the Red Sea to the Jordan River) the hand of the LORD has been powerful.
- Each generation must stay focussed on what the LORD has done.
- Continue to fear (respect, trust and obey) the LORD your God (vv. 23-24).
- God’s people will gain courage while their enemies lose courage (5:1).

Implications

- What memories/memorials do you have of God’s powerful working in your life?
- Resolve to remember what God has done for you.
- Be grateful for His faithfulness; share about His goodness; and trust Him for the future.