

Spiritual Markers

"And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua ..."

Joshua 4:8

Spiritual memory is crucial in your life. It would be tragic if, in your haste to grow in your faith, you neglected to leave spiritual markers at the key crossroads of your life. Without the help of these markers, you will lose your spiritual bearings.

The Israelites experienced a tumultuous pilgrimage. Their doubt that God was powerful enough to give them victory cost them 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Then God miraculously parted the waters of the Jordan River so they could pass over and continue their conquest. God knew that at times the Israelites would face intimidating enemies and would need a reminder that He was powerful enough to protect them. The Israelites might be tempted to think they made a mistake entering Canaan. For this reason, God instructed them to build a monument on the banks of the Jordan. Whenever they returned to this spot, they would see the monument and be reminded of God's awesome power. This marker would give them confidence to meet the new challenges they faced.

A spiritual marker identifies a time of decision when you clearly consulted God's word, taking His guidance during a critical time (cf. Joshua 1:8). You need to keep track of these important moments! They will help you understand the advantage following God and give you appropriate direction as you face future decisions.

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