

THE PREACHING ADVENTURES OF PASTOR RICH AND THE ECHO KIDS

"EVIDENCE ON THE OTHER SIDE"

JOSHUA 4:1-9, 20-24 (NKJV)

GOD BROUGHT THEM THROUGH THE RIVER... BUT HE HAD A PLAN ON THE OTHER SIDE!



IN JOSHUA 3, THE PRIESTS STEPPED INTO THE JORDAN. THE WATER STOPPED. THE PEOPLE CROSSED OVER ON DRY GROUND!

MIRACLE!



BUT IN JOSHUA 4, INSTEAD OF CELEBRATING OR RUSHING INTO THE NEXT BATTLE, GOD GAVE THEM AN ASSIGNMENT...

GO BACK INTO THE RIVERBED AND PICK UP STONES.



WHY? SO THEY WOULD NEVER FORGET WHAT GOD DID!

- ✓ TWELVE STONES. ONE FOR EACH TRIBE.
- ✓ FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE JORDAN.
- ✓ FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE PRIESTS STOOD FIRM.
- ✓ FROM THE VERY SPOT WHERE THE MIRACLE HAPPENED.

3 TRUTHS FROM THE OTHER SIDE

M1 GOD MAKES YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SURVIVED

"Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm." (Joshua 4:3)

THE STONES HAD TO COME FROM THE MIDDLE—THE PLACE OF TENSION, RISK, AND FAITH. GOD WANTS YOU TO REMEMBER WHERE HE HELD YOU WHEN THERE WAS NO WAY BACK AND NO FULL ARRIVAL YET.

APPLICATION
Before you ask God for the next wall to fall, pause and remember the river He already brought you through. The fact that you are on the other side is EVIDENCE!

DECLARATION
I have evidence that the river did not win.

CROSS REFERENCES

- Psalm 124:1-2 | If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...
- Lamentations 3:22-23 | Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

M2 GOD GIVES YOU EVIDENCE BEFORE HE GIVES YOU EXPLANATION

"That this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come..." (Joshua 4:6)

THE STONES WERE GATHERED BEFORE THE QUESTIONS CAME.

THE MEMORIAL WAS BUILT BEFORE THE CONVERSATION HAPPENED.

GOD TOLD THEM TO CREATE THE EVIDENCE BEFORE ANYONE NEEDED THE EXPLANATION.

APPLICATION
Keep building the evidence of God in your life, even when you can't explain it yet. Future you (and someone else) will thank you for it.

DECLARATION
* I trust God even when I don't understand everything yet.

SOME THINGS GOD DOES IN YOUR LIFE MAY NOT MAKE SENSE TO EVERYONE RIGHT NOW. YOU MAY NOT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS YET—BUT IT IS STILL EVIDENCE!

CROSS REFERENCES

- Habakkuk 2:3 | Write the vision and make it plain...
- Proverbs 3:5-6 | Trust in the Lord with all your heart...

M3 GOD WANTS YOUR TESTIMONY TO OUTLIVE YOU

"...that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever." (Joshua 4:24)

THE STONES WERE FOR MORE THAN THIS GENERATION.

THEY WERE A MESSAGE TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

YOUR STORY ISN'T JUST FOR YOU. IT'S FOR SOMEONE COMING BEHIND YOU!

APPLICATION
Live in a way that leaves evidence for the next person. Be faithful where you are. Your consistency could be someone else's breakthrough.

DECLARATION
My testimony has purpose beyond me.

CROSS REFERENCES

- Psalm 78:4-7 | We will not hide them from their children...
- 2 Timothy 2:2 | Commit to faithful people who will teach others also.

LET'S REMEMBER!

GOD DIDN'T JUST GET THEM ACROSS THE RIVER. HE GAVE THEM SOMETHING TO REMEMBER IT BY.

PICK UP THE STONES TELL THE STORY TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION GIVE GOD THE GLORY

EVIDENCE ISN'T JUST FOR YOU. IT'S FOR THE NEXT PERSON WHO NEEDS HOPE.



YOU ARE LIVING PROOF THAT GOD STILL MOVES!

WALK IN IT. REMEMBER IT. TELL IT. PASS IT ON!

THAT'S HOW LEGACIES ARE BUILT.