

**MEMORIAL STONES**  
**May 28, 2017 Morning Service**  
**Joshua 4: 1-7, 9, 19-24**

There are cemeteries that are all around us. You go to Arlington, Barrancas. I was recently at Normandy, at Normandy Beach. Then that cemetery at Normandy. I'm telling you, if you're ever there, don't miss it. There's not a place like it in all the world of those that gave their life on that beach and never came home. Just pictures. We must never forget what paved the way for you to sit where you sit today in freedom speaking English. So that's why we put memorials up. We remember.

Memorial Day started three years after the Civil War when people called it Decoration Day then as they still do in some rural cemeteries. They would go and decorate the graves of the war dead. Years later it became not Decoration Day but Memorial Day when we would remember those that died in battle. So those stones are set up, monuments. Everywhere you look around, you see they're in our city. Waterloo, New York is finally in the Johnson administration, while several places said, "We started Memorial Day," they were identified by the government back in the 60's. That was the beginning point, the first time they came up with the idea of having this Decoration Day. Every time you see a flag fly it is a memorial. It tells us about 13 beginning colonies and 50 states. It's all around us.

The Bible is filled with memorials too and while we dare not forget the memorials of statehood, we dare not forget the memorials of our eternal home in heaven. It's that that Joshua chapter 4 is all about. It's about a memorial day, remembering. On this Memorial weekend as we thank God for America, I want us to look back at some memorial stones about our faith, for without our faith our nation will not exist. We're in Joshua 4 and we begin in verse 1, read through verse 7, skip to verse 9, and then drop down to verse 19 through the end of the chapter. Joshua 4, verse 1.

*Now when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, and command them, saying, 'Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place where you will lodge tonight.'" [That would later be Gilgal.] So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe; and Joshua said to them, "Cross again to the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder [they must have been big rocks], according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel. Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever." [Verse 9.] Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this*

day. [Verse 19.] *Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho. Those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. He said to the sons of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the Lord your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, so that you may fear the Lord your God forever."*<sup>1</sup>

Get the picture here. The children of Israel have been in Egypt. Moses leads them out of Egypt. They come to the Red Sea. God opens the Red Sea and they go across on dry ground. Moses will die up on top of Nebo. Joshua is made predecessor of Moses. He comes after and leads. They've wandered in the wilderness now for 40 years. After that 40 years Moses has seen the Promised Land from the top of Nebo and God buried him. He said, "Now, Joshua, take My people across the Jordan River into Canaan."

We don't hear much about this story. Everybody knows about the Red Sea on dry ground but we tend to forget the Jordan. It happened there too. They took the Ark of the Covenant and when they stepped into the water, when you read Chapter 3 the Bible says that the water stood up in a heap. Just like He did with the Red Sea, He stopped the Jordan River. They stood up and down toward the Dead Sea the waters stopped flowing and there was a divide. They took the ark into the middle of that dry river bed and two million people marched across into the Promised Land. God told Joshua, "Send twelve men, one from each tribe. Go get a large stone." It had to be large. He put it on their shoulder. Bring those twelve and where you're going to lodge tonight which is just across the Jordan, not quite to Jericho, just inside Canaan you'll find a place and we're going to name it Gilgal. There we'll arrange those stones.

There's some discussion about how the stones were arranged. Were they stacked up or were they placed in a circle or some other formation? It doesn't tell us exactly but they are there and he puts those twelve stones and says, "Let these be a memorial stone so that when your children ask, 'What does this mean?'" If you've not taken your children to Washington, D.C. you ought to take them.

If you've not taken your children and your children's children out to Barrancas you ought to take them. If you haven't taken them to the war wall downtown you ought to take them. Let them touch the stone where names are etched there and they'll say, "What's this mean?" That means somebody died so you can be free. You take them to D.C. and walk up and down that reflecting pool on the side and see that monument. You'll see Mr. Lincoln sitting. They'll say, "What's that mean?" That's a president that was shot and killed and read the words he put, "Don't let your children forget America."

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Go to the King memorial and hear Martin Luther King talk about God making all men equal. Go to the Jefferson Memorial and remember those that put together a Constitution go to the World War I and II Vietnam Memorials and remember those that laid down their lives. When your kids ask, "What's this mean?" tell them it's a wonderful land but it's not free. "Joshua, when you put these stones there and the kids ask, "What's it mean?" then you're going to tell them. Then Joshua said to the twelve. "I want you to do something else. I want you to go over where the Levitical priests are standing with the Ark of Covenant on their shoulder and I want you to stack up twelve stones in the river bed."

He put 24 stones. He put 12 in Gilgal. He put 12 in the river. After they came out of that river bed the Bible says the waters flowed again and you didn't see the stones anymore. They were covered up. Let me tell you, friend, Jesus died for you. You didn't see it but He did it. He came out of the grave. You never saw it but He did it. He went up to heaven into the ascension. You didn't see it but He did it. Let me tell you, just because you can't see it doesn't make it not so. Things that you can't see, you see by faith. We see that in that river bed. Joshua said, "Put those stones there. We won't see them there but we won't forget what God did."

Then we'll have 12 stones because there are some things that you see by sight. Don't forget these things. Let them be a memorial to what God has done. Never forget the greatness of God. Psalm 103:1-5. Hear the word of the Lord.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget none of His benefits;  
Who pardons all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases;  
Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;  
Who satisfies your years with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.*

Don't forget God's benefits. Has God been good to you? Has God been good to Olive Baptist Church? I'm telling you, God's been good to us. He's been good to us even today and we must never forget. When our children say, "How'd this happen?" you tell them. I sat right here on Friday. The Chief of Police who's a member of our church, Pensacola, asked if we'd have his swearing in here. He asked me to preach and pray. I preached and I prayed. When we got up to walk off one of the officers who was sitting here and looking up at all of this building he said, "How do you do this every Sunday?" What I wanted to say was, "How in the world do you get in that car and do what you do every day?" I said, "I'll tell you how I do what I do. I do it by the grace of God. I do it by the benefit of God's hand, His anointing. I can't do this but God is faithful."

Stack up some stones and never forget. What is it God's saying in these stones? Well He tells us when we get over to verses 22 and 23 and you get in verse 21. He said, "Your children," a second time, "are going to ask, 'What are these stones?'" Here's what you've got to tell them. Three things He says. I could preach for ten years out of this text. I'm going to for a few weeks but this morning I want you just to see in verses 22, 23, 24, what are those key components that we should remember out of these stones?

Well first of all He says to remember, God is faithful. Remember God is faithful. Remember it. Look at it right here. You shall inform – verse 22 – you shall inform your children saying, "Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed." It is God that made the way. He is faithful. It goes on to say, "Don't forget, when you get into the middle of verse 23, He did it at the Red Sea and He did it at the Jordan River." God is faithful. Do not forget.

Sometimes we get spiritual amnesia in the church. We forget where God brought us from. Everybody in this room wasn't nothing but a bunch of sinners and crooks and drunks and self-sufficient, egotistical. Need I go on? That's all of us and God reached by grace and saved you. The biggest sinner in this place is not a drunkard. The biggest sinner in this place was the self-righteous man. He beat on his chest and said, "Lord God, I'm glad I'm not like these other folks." Dear friend, it's farther from self-righteousness to the cross than it is from the gutter of a drunk man. Never are you farther from God when you say, "I've got my own righteousness." He reached through our own self-sufficiency to save us. Hallelujah. Don't forget that. Never, ever forget.

Deuteronomy chapter 8 says a whole lot about never forget. Let me just turn over here. I want to give you a few verses out of this. Listen to this. Deuteronomy chapter 8, verse 2. *You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.* Look in verse 11. *Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments.* Verse number 12. *Otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them.* You've forgotten. Verse 14. *Then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.* Verse 18. *But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant.*

Some of you think you're something because – you're nothing. Without Him, you're nothing. In verse 18 he goes on to tell us. Then in verse 19: *It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish.*

I want you to know, Olive Baptist Church can die dead as a hammer if we ever forget where the blessings come from. Remember God is faithful. Why do we baptize? We're going to baptize in the second service today. What does baptism...? Baptism reminds us. It reminds us Jesus died and He rose again. That's why you're baptized. When we have the Lord's Supper we put a table here at the front and it says, "Do this in remembrance." Why do we take that cup and take that bread? It's to remember. Why don't we do it every Sunday? Because it would just become happenstance. It'd be just like doing anything else but when it becomes something special at varied times of the year we remember His shed blood and His broken body.

"Daddy, what are these stones?" Can't you see them walking through Gilgal? They're walking through and they come to that compilation of stones and – "Daddy, what's this mean?" "Well, Joshua, I named you after our leader. We didn't think we'd ever get in the Promised Land. Oh it was a miracle day and God opened up the Jordan River and got us through." That little boy's eyes get big and say, "You mean really?" "Yeah." "You mean, daddy, that's not speaking metaphorically?" "No." "You mean God really did that?"

I heard preached in this city these last few weeks, I heard preached in this city in Pensacola, Florida that Jonah was not really swallowed by a fish, from the pulpit of one of our churches. They said, "You know, that couldn't really happen." Let me tell you, friend, if that didn't happen, Jesus is a liar because Jesus believed Jonah got swallowed by a fish because He said, "Just like he was in the belly of the fish three days, I'll show up. I'll be in the grave three days and three nights and just like Jonah got spit out, I'm telling you, Jesus got spit out." Up from the grave He arose.

If we ever stop believing the miraculous we might as well pack up our Bibles and go do something else. Don't forget. Remember God is faithful. Just because your little pea brain can't figure it out doesn't make it not so. People say, "Well, you know, I just can't believe that." Well God bless you. Who died and made you God? You say, "Well you don't know how smart I am." Well just hang around awhile. You'll be dead here smart shortly. God was here before you started and He'll be here when you're gone. You better fall at His feet.

"What do these stones mean, daddy?" "Well Joshua, God's faithful." There's a second thing these stones mean. "Not only remember God's faithful but remember, Joshua, don't ever forget. The world is lost." Where you do get that, preacher? Look at it right here in verse 24. That all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty. The Gergashite and the Hivite and the Hittite, the Canaanite, that everybody in here would know that the hand of God – let me tell you, friend, we live in a lost world, a lost world. People are going to hell on every side. We dare not let people walk in this room and be around us on our workplace if we don't lift high the Master. You are the light. You are the salt. You are the witness. Get with it. Here am I. Send me. These stones tell us that the world is lost.

The twelve stones of Gilgal said it is God. We must never, ever back up on the gospel. The Ministry Village at Olive, the MVO must always have the gospel at its center. VBS is coming up. You need to work in VBS. VBS always has to have the gospel in the center of it. Warrington Church where we're going tonight has got to have the gospel in the middle of it.

Saturdays in August we're going to go in a two-mile radius of this church building. We're going to go to one quadrant and the next one and next one four Saturdays. We're going to go and invite everybody within a two-mile reach of this church. We're going to invite them to church and tell them of Christ. We're going to train you about it in July. I want you to come and go. I need 500 to 1,000 people every Saturday to go and touch every door. You say, "I don't live in this region." Well you come to church here so we need to have a great witness right here. Just like you drop a rock in a pond, it needs to go out. I want you to join me. Every Saturday, 10:00 to 12:00. Every Saturday in August.

You say, "Preacher, it's going to be hot." Well it's going to be hot up in Tuscaloosa when they have football but you're going. It's going to be hot over in Gainesville where the Gators play but you're going to go. Let me tell you, hell's going to be hot. We need to go. It's not like I'm asking you to come run a marathon in the heat. Put on your walking shoes and a hat and spray and get you one of those little fans and come and go with us. Take you a bottle of water. We'll knock on doors. We'll meet here at 10:00, leave about 10:30. Be done by 12:00 and going about our way. We've got to keep the gospel.

"Daddy, what do these stones mean?" "They mean God is faithful." "You mean they're not like us?" "That's right. They're not like us and we need everybody in the world to know." That's why we send these missions teams out. That's why we're going to do Warrington. That's why we're doing Saturdays.

Thirdly, remember these stones. These stones teach us always fear the Lord. Look at it in verse 24. That you may fear the Lord your God forever. He's walking through the city center at Gilgal and he's got little Rebecca with him and Rebecca pulls on his coat and says, "Daddy, what do these stones mean?" "Well Rebecca, God is faithful. He opened up a highway through the Jordan." She said, "You know, brother Joshua, my brother, he said he didn't believe that. Did that really happen, daddy?" "Yeah. Rebecca, don't forget. Not everybody worships the one true God. Our job is to lift Him up but, Rebecca, remember this. All the days of your life, let these stones remind you. You must fear the Lord your God. Don't ever cease to fear God."

I want you to think with me for a moment about the Red Sea and the Jordan. Everybody turn your thinking cap on right here for a minute. The Old Testament is full of signals, of types of symbols and there's not one that screams louder than this one. The type of coming out of Egypt is our salvation. Then wandering in the wilderness for 40 years is our struggle with the flesh. Going across the Jordan into the Promised Land is not going to heaven. I know that you hear songs about crossing the chilly Jordan to

death. That's not death. That's going into the fullness of God. That's the spirit-filled victorious life is Canaan. They're going to go to Ai and they're going to struggle. Friend, when you get to heaven, you're not going to struggle. You're not going to have wars in heaven. There was a war in Canaan for a while.

Watch these two types. Crossing the Red Sea is coming out of slavery. Crossing the Jordan is entering into the promised inheritance. Crossing the Red Sea is an exit from bondage and crossing the Jordan is an entrance into God's fullness of blessing. When you come out of Egypt and the Red Sea it's your salvation. You've been saved from something but when you cross the Jordan you've been saved to something. You've been saved to the fullness. Going across the Red Sea is judgment on sin but crossing the Jordan is judgment on self. You want to know where most Baptists live? They live in the wilderness all their life. They can tell you when they got saved. They trusted Christ and they came out and got saved and God blew a highway in the Red Sea and they came out of slavery. They left sin but nobody's ever disciplined them into the fullness of the power of the Spirit of God. They've not recognized that there's victory in Christ.

You see, friend, God doesn't want you just saved and living in the wilderness. He wants you saved through the wilderness and into the Promised Land. He wants you living in victory. You must cross Jordan. You've got to cross Jordan to be a spirit-filled, persistent, obedient, joyful, God-honoring, useful, devil-defeating follower of Christ. You've got to get yourself across Jordan.

Do you know they lived in the wilderness 40 years and they all died out but when they crossed Jordan, they just got across Jordan to Gilgal and the first thing they did is they ate of the fruit of the land? Manna stopped. You'll find that in Joshua chapter 5. The manna stopped and they started eating of the fruit of the land that flows with milk and honey. No one had been circumcised in the 40 years. They started eating of the fruit of the land. There was manna gone and you find them walking in the fullness.

Look right here, Mr. Baptist. Look right here at me. Every Baptist in here that you know you're saved, I want you to look right here. You've got to get over yourself. You've got to die to yourself. This Memorial Day we honor those who died physically so that we can have America. Let me tell you, the word of God reminds us that Memorial Day for the Christian is when we die spiritually. It's Romans chapter 6, verse number 5. Look at it in your text in Romans chapter 6, verse number 5. The Bible says: *For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His [What? Say that word] death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is free from sin.*

Some of you are saved but sin's got you by the neck because you won't die to yourself. Some of you are so angry at the church and at your momma and your daddy, you're just full of meanness and madness and cursing and kicking. You'll never have victory until you die to yourself. You've got to reckon yourself dead. You died with

Christ. Let me tell you, friend, when Jesus died, you died. When He arose, you arose. Your life of victory is not about you. It's about Jesus in you and when you get Romans 6 in you, you understand death to self and alive to Christ. Nobody has to pat you on the back and say, "Way to go." You're just going to be faithful because Jesus is faithful.

I have people, they'll come and say, "Well we came to church but we just didn't feel welcome. We didn't feel." Bless God, get over your feelings. You don't walk by what you feel. You walk by what the word of God says. You walk by faith. Let me tell you, if I walked by feeling I wouldn't be here this morning. Amen. I'd have stayed home. There are some days I can't wait to get here. This wasn't one of them. I didn't feel too good. I got up about 5:30 and opened the word of God. I read myself full, prayed myself hot, and said, "Lord, let's go burn." Amen. It's not how I feel. It's what the word of God says. You say, "Well, you know, preacher, you don't speak to me." Did you come here to meet me or meet God? You say, "Well you ought to be nicer." Well I would if you would.

You say, "Well, you know, that Sunday School class. They just..." Friend, go dead and you'll be alright. Die to yourself. You'll be amazed what Jesus will do. You say, "Pastor, I don't understand what you're talking about." Let me just explain it out of my own life.

I was ten years old, seven rows back, Pisgah Baptist Church. I was sitting one, two, three, four, five, six, and seven. Right there where that purse is. Thursday, Vacation Bible School, saved. Next Sunday night, baptized, going to heaven, mom and daddy rejoicing. Praise the Lord. I was 11. I was 12. I was 13. I was 14. I was 15. I was 16. I was 17. I was in the wilderness. I knew I was going to heaven but I was in the wilderness. An old preacher came and started preaching Romans 6, 7, and 8 in our church. I said, "Lord, I never heard anything like that. What do you mean dead to self?" I thought we were just supposed to do the best we can. I was 17 years old. I ran into Galatians 2:20 for the first time in my life. I'm crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

I don't do what I do to make you smile. I don't do what I do for my wife to say, "Well done." I don't do what I do for my momma and daddy to say, "We're proud of our son." I like it when you're happy. I love it when I get home and my wife tells me, "That was good today." I love to hear from my parents. All that does good but let me tell you, when you die to yourself there's only one thing that matters. Just one. Well done.

Let me tell you, there's some things God will call on you to do. You think, you know, if I was in the flesh there are times God'll just tell you, "Hush, I'll take it from here." I said, "But, Lord, I could help you out." He said, "I'll do the helping out here." You read that in Romans. We've got feet and the body's got hands and all of us have got to work together. Let me tell you, at your core you die to self. Daddy, what do these stones mean? It means we fear God more than we fear man.



Watch this. They stack those stones up. They were two miles from Jericho. God sent the spies in. They came back and said, "I think we can do it." So the general said, "Okay, get the bows and arrows. Get the horses ready to go." God said, "No, we're just going to go down there and walk around it seven times and blow a horn." They said, "We're going to what? What kind of battle plan is that?"

Has God ever had you walking around being quiet when you'd rather fight? I don't die easy, do you? I come to the altar and I keep crawling off. I die to myself. I say, "Lord, I've had resurrection." Sure you do. We all do. We fight that. What I want to do, I don't do. What I don't want to do, I do. There comes a day when I cross the Jordan and – dead.

So I'm driving my '60 Chevrolet in 1971. There's a hole in the floorboard in the driver's side. You run through the mud hole and you get your feet wet. Standard shift. I stopped one night as the smoke was coming up out of there. I got out of the car and I got in the ditch. I got on my knees and the ditch was damp with water. I said, "God, I give up. I'm dead. I'm to the end of me. Whatever You want, I'll do." I got back in my car in a little while and there wasn't any smoke in there. I think it was holy smoke.

So I was up to see my momma and daddy awhile back. I hadn't thought about that in a long time. We were out there walking and I walked right by that ditch. I looked around. There wasn't anybody there. I thought, "Well, I'll just go over there and stand in the ditch." It was memorial day. It was my stone. I remember it.

You see, Gilgal is a place for recommitment, readjustment, revitalization, remembering. Every one of us got across the Jordan. If you're going to be used of God, you've got to get over yourself. You've got to die to yourself. That doesn't mean you're not worth anything. It just means God wants to take you. He wants to use you. You've just got to say, "Lord, here am I. Use me. Send me. I'm not in charge anymore." Let me tell you, if I was still in charge of my life I'd be coaching basketball somewhere, doing good in the world's eyes. I'd be recruiting kids and giving money. God said, "I don't want you doing that." I said, "Yes, Lord. I'll go your direction."

I know some coaches that died to self and they're coaching right where they're supposed to be and God's using them and they're raising up kids. It's phenomenal. I've got a foot over here and a hand over there and a head over here, some shoulders over here.

I walked in a church the other night. I was preaching up in North Carolina. There was an elderly Jewish man there that had been saved a few years ago. He said this to me. He said, "You know, preacher, you cannot do the work of God with carnal people in your church but you've got to have them to give the money to get the work done." I said, "Say that one more time." He said, "You cannot do the work of God in your church with carnal people but you've got to have carnal people to get the work done that will give." I said, "What do you mean by that?" He said, "Oh, they're not over themselves and they're not going to do much for the kingdom but they'll give you their money

because that's the easiest thing they'll ever do. So you need a lot of carnal people to give checks so that the people that's dead to self can go do the work God's funding through the fleshly people." I ain't got over that yet, I'm just telling you right now. I'm just still chewing on that old Jewish man's sentiment. I said, "Is that right?" Well you know it's right. Everybody in here that wrote a big check, a little check, they're not full of the Holy Ghost. Lord, thank you for carnal people that give out of guilt.

Let me tell you, if you'll ever die to yourself you won't give out of guilt. You'll find great joy in serving the King. For God loves a cheerful giver. He'll take it from carnality but He loves a cheerful giver. I decided to give myself a hand. You wouldn't clap. I'm telling you, friend, you've got to cross Jordan. Now if you've not been out of Egypt and crossed the Red Sea and been saved, you ought to get saved today. Now there's a lot of folks in this place that have just been wandering in the wilderness and you need to get across the Jordan. When you get across the Jordan you're going to stack up some stones. The word Gilgal means our reproach has been removed. That's what Gilgal means. When they put those – our reproach. That means we cast off the flesh, removed our reproach. You're to be above reproach. Gilgal. We cast off our reproach and we're ready to enter into the Promised Land.

They defeated Jericho and in the very next place they went they got beat at Ai because some carnal Baptist stole the gold. That's what they did. They said, "Lord, we'll give to you." They weren't going to give. They had it under the donkey's saddle and who took the money they weren't supposed to have? You see, there's always – once you move into victory, your battle is not with you. Your battle is with carnal believers. Most of our battles are not with the lost. It's with people who say they're on God's side but they're living according to the flesh.

Come to Jordan. That's the invitation today. Come to Jordan. Stack up a stone. Die to self. Live for Christ. I'm going to stay here in Joshua for five more weeks. There's a lot of stuff to mine out of what Joshua did. What time is it? I've got two more minutes. You see, when it gets 10:40 the people that are not in the Spirit who think it's all about them are ready to go eat. Yes, sir.

There were twelve. He sent one from every tribe. Those of you that lead your family, you must lead the family. Every daddy in this place, you ought to lead your family. Every husband, you ought to pick up the stone and say, "We're going to remember God." Twelve, they were complete. When you get to Revelation, you get to heaven, there's twelve gates. On the gate is the name of one of the tribes of Israel. Judah, Asher, all twelve. They've got a name and then there's a flaming angel standing at every gate. The Bible says underneath the gates is a foundation stone and there's twelve of them and every foundation stone is named – the foundation stones have the name of one of the twelve apostles. The gates have the names of the twelve tribes and the angels. I'm just telling you, it takes us all. It doesn't take ten of us, not eleven, not six. There's twelve. That's why God calls all of us to be dead and Olive will never do what God wants you to do until everybody in here has crossed the Jordan.

So it's time for some of us to get up and get across the river.