

**Remember**  
**Stones: Marking the Moments of God's Work #1 – Pastor Jonathan Minter**  
**Joshua 4:6-7 - December 27th, 2015**

**How to confidently prepare for our future:**

Joshua 3:1-6 (ESV) <sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. <sup>4</sup>Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." <sup>5</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." <sup>6</sup>And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

**1. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 4:19 (ESV) Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Joshua 3:14-17 (ESV) <sup>14</sup> So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup> and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup> the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

**2. Face your \_\_\_\_\_.**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV84) For we live by faith, not by sight.

Joshua 4:1-7 (ESV) <sup>1</sup> When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup> "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, <sup>3</sup> and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'" <sup>4</sup> Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. <sup>5</sup> And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, <sup>6</sup> that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' <sup>7</sup> then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

### **3. Remember God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NKJV) Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.