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**REMEMBER**  
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INTRO

We all have memories:

1. Earliest memories

- Toys
- Grandma's house
- Sibling fun/fighting
- A moment

2. Fondest memories

- A celebration
- A life changing moment
- A thrilling opportunity

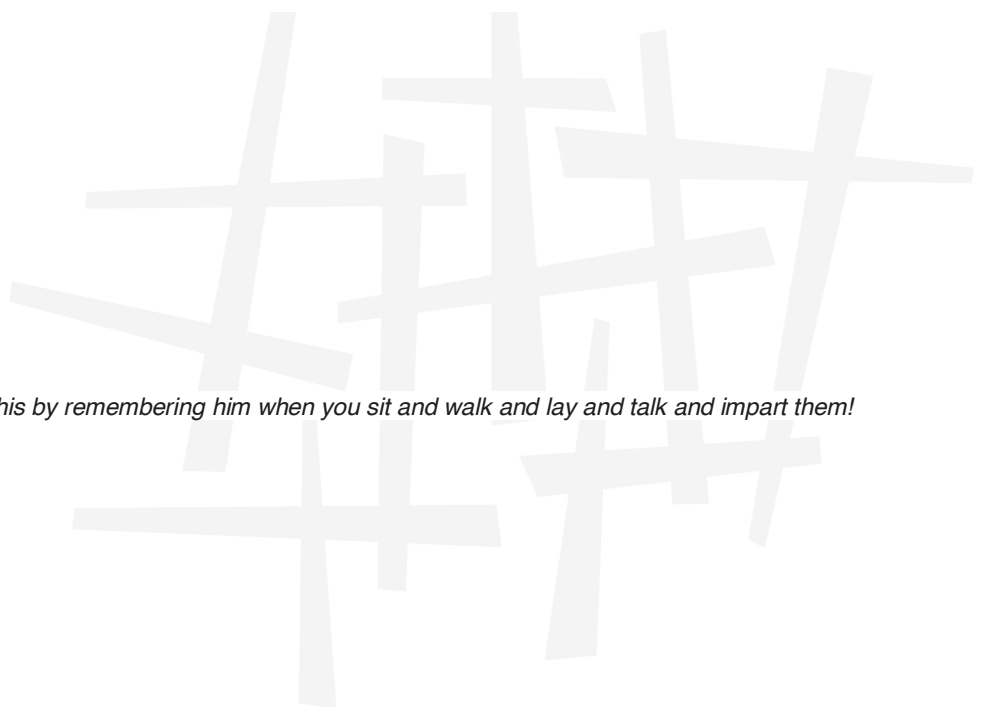
3. Hardest memories

- Loss of a loved one
- Bad relationship
- Failure

**1. REMEMBER**

What to remember

*Be careful not to forget the LORD! Do this by remembering him when you sit and walk and lay and talk and impart them!*  
Deuteronomy 6:4-12





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- God was specific in how Moses was to address his people.
- He knew ease and comfort would cause them/us to forget the Lord.
- So, in his mercy, he warned against it.
- Impress.
- Talk.
- Tie.
- Write.
- Be careful not to forget!
- Remember things worth remembering!

## □ How to remember

*“Remember what GOD has done. Remember Him and HIS works.” Joshua 3-4*

We don't even have the names of the people who stacked the rocks.

Prepare yourselves!

- Get ready, God is going to do something worth remembering!

*21 He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 22 tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ 23 For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea<sup>[a]</sup> when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.” Joshua 4:21-24 NIV*

What is worth remembering? How do you choose to remember?

There are 3 common stones that represent our memories:

1. Headstone/tombstone (ending, loss, etc.)
2. Structural stone (support, home, centering)
3. Decorative/pillar stone (monumental, supportive element in a pretty way...



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## **2. FORGET THINGS WORTH FORGETTING!**

- Failure
- Lies
- Doubts
- Temporary/empty pleasures

The Israelites were to remember the things God had done and forget the sins and worries of the past.

## **3. REMEMBER FOR A REASON!**

*<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:*

*“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”*

*<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”*

*They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.*

*<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:4-10 NIV*



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☐ The Living Stone and a Chosen People

- Remember because we are LIVING Stones. That means we're living monuments.
- Just like God's reminder for the Israelites to remember and continue to tell their story from generation to generation, we are LIVING monuments to God's goodness.
- We should live our lives in a way that helps us all remember God's goodness and provision...his mercy and love.
- We used to be on one side of the Jordan, but through Jesus we cross to the other side.
- We used to be in the Dark but now we are in the light.
- We used to be judged severely, now we are judged in mercy.

☐ If you don't remember, you'll forget:

- Who God is.
- What God has done.
- Why God has done it!

☐ Live as a living monument to God's character.

