

WEEKLY GAME PLAN

Between The Jordan and Jericho

Read Joshua 4:1-7 NIV

Context: Memorial, or remember, is mentioned hundreds of times in scripture. It is very important to God that we, as His people, remember all He has done for us. The Lord tells Joshua to get stones from where they had been and take them to where they were going. This may seem silly to us, but they did not have pictures to take, nor souvenirs to buy, when they were experiencing something epic. They instead are told to get something that will not fade over time, so that those generations coming after them can remember what God has done for them. Before we can go further, we need to celebrate what He has already done for us.

Reflection Question: Was there anything that you collected, or bought, or took pictures of, as a child to remember fun times you had had, or places you had gone? How can you save something that you can pass down to someone who comes after you that will showcase what God has done for you?

Read Joshua 4:20-24 NIV

Context: Joshua was not going to move forward without first taking some time to point out what God had just done for all of them. He wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page before they took hold of what God was going to do for them. It was time to recalibrate, to take a moment to reflect and appreciate and make sure that they could tell their kids, grandkids, friends, and neighbors all that God had accomplished in their lives.

Reflection Question: How do others see God working in your life? How are you showing them that He is the one blessing you in what you have and achieve? Why do you think it's important to point others to God in specific moments in your life? What does it say about God when we give Him the glory and honor in our lives?

Read Jeremiah 13:25, 18:15, Psalm 106: 20-21, Isaiah 40:28-31

Context: When we forget to take the time to celebrate what God has done for us, it can lead to idolatry. Our focus is on things other than God and they start to take first position in our hearts and lives. Any

time we give that first position to something else, it's idolatry. We also have a tendency to burnout when we don't celebrate the wins God gives us. This happens because we take our eyes off the prize. Remembering the good God has given us carries us through the hard times.

Reflection Question: What have you let take first position in your life recently? What would help to get your priorities lined up correctly? How can you celebrate something in your life this week, even if it seems relatively small?

Read Psalm 77:11, Habakkuk 3:2, Judges 6:12-16

Context: This week remember to celebrate what God has done in your life so that your faith does not weaken. Remembering what God *has* done can carry you forward as you are waiting for what He *will* do. And take the time to remember so that you don't feel like you have to produce the next miracle in your life, or someone else's life.

Reflection Question: Why is it so easy to forget the good that God has done for us? How can we build our faith by focusing on what He has already done? What relief is there in knowing that we don't have to produce miracles?

Read Joshua 5:13-15 ESV

Context: God is not on *our* side, we are on *His* side. We live and move and have our being at His good pleasure. Scripture teaches that miracles are God's job. The book of Acts teaches that going out and multiplying those who are able to hear about Him is our job. We do this best when we take a page out of Joshua's playbook and ask, "What message does my Lord have for His servant?" Then our only good response is, "And (insert your name here) did so."

Reflection Question: How often are you waiting for God to come over to your side about something? What shift do you have to make this week in order to do things God's way? How can you remember that God is in charge of accomplishing the miracles, you just have to be obedient?

End in prayer. Celebrate what God has done in your life this week!