

OHANA STUDY GUIDE

May 23-29, 2010

Sermon: "So That We Never Forget" May 30, 2010

Joshua 4:1-24

1. Read v.1-5. What recent event were these twelve memorial stones to represent (see 3:14-17)?

a. What is the significance of one man from each of the twelve tribes of Israel picking up and placing the stones?

2. Read v.6-7. How were those stones to serve as an inspiration for the children in Israel?

a. In what ways might we establish memorials for our own children as a reminder of God's awesome power?

3. Read v.8-14. Where were the priests who carried the ark standing while these memorial stones were being set up?

a. Why do you suppose God left them standing like this while the stones were being set up?

b. What faith did this take on the part of the priests?

4. When the Israelites finally crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land what was the first thing on their mind according to v.12-13?

a. Even when God miraculously delivers us from trouble, are there still battles to be fought?

b. What does the crossing of the Jordan River symbolize in the life of the Christian?

c. What battles await us as we enter into the Christian life?

5. Read v.15-24. What happened immediately as the priests came out of the Jordan River with the ark of the covenant?

a. What was God showing them in this event in relation to their faith and their obedience to Him?

6. What finally happened to these twelve memorial stones?

a. What inspiration did this provide for future generations who asked about what these stones meant? See v.24

7. What two memorials has Christ commanded for us today? See Matt.28:19 and 26:26-28.

a. Why is it important for us to keep these memorials alive in the church, and what do you think would happen to our faith if we ever turned away from them?