

"When your children ask you, 'What are these stones to you?' you'll say, 'The flow of the Jordan was stopped in front of the Chest of the Covenant of God as it crossed the Jordan—stopped in its tracks. These stones are a permanent memorial for the People of Israel."

Joshua 4:7 MSG Version

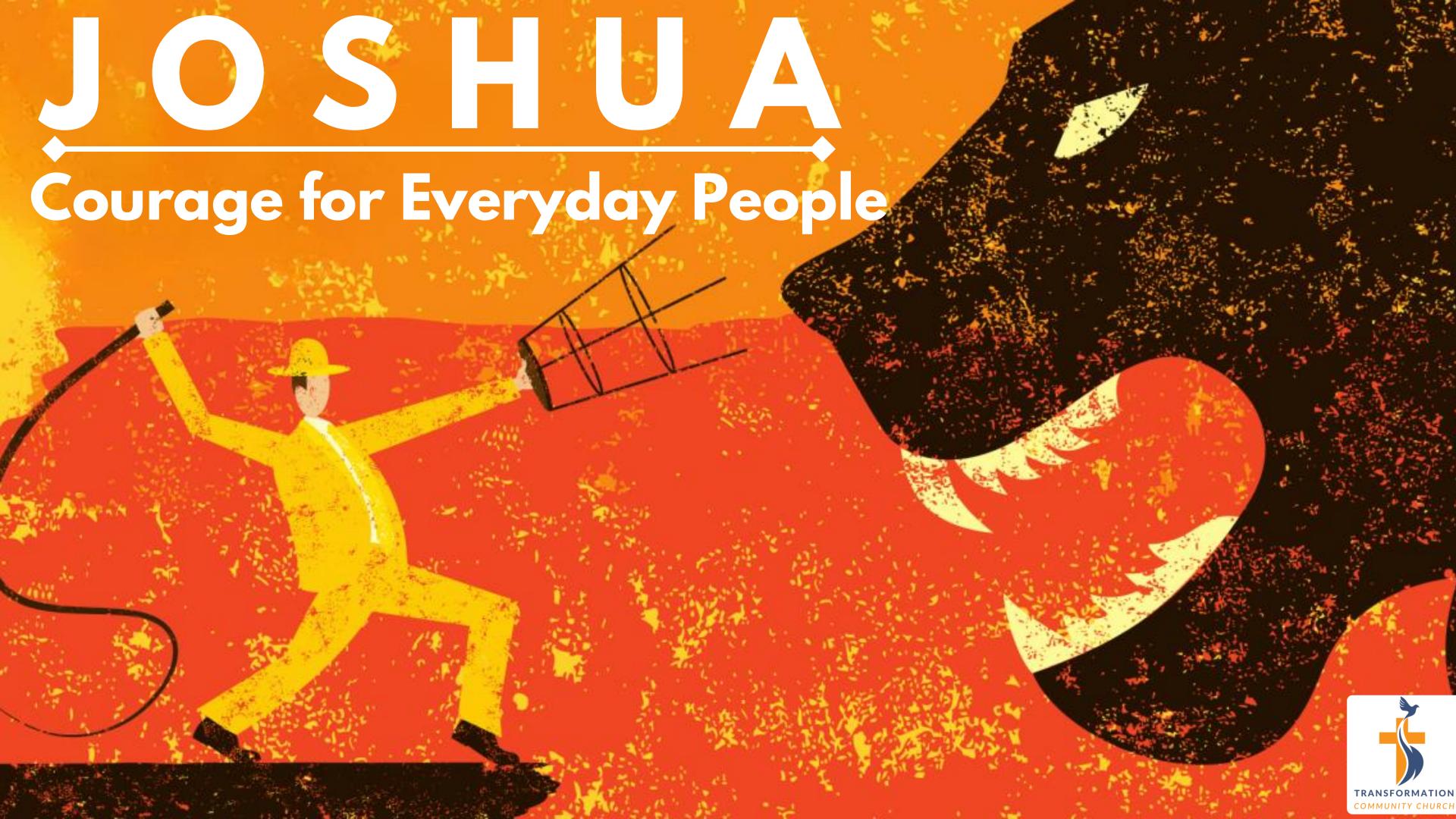
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THE MESSAGE

JAMES 1:22

"..DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."



Courage for Everyday People Community CHURCH



"Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things."

Cicero, Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar, philosopher, orator.







GOD CALLS US TO GUARD HIS WORKS AND PROMISES IN OUR HEARTS - REMEMBER





COURAGE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE COMES WHEN WE REMEMBER GOD GOES AHEAD OF US

Joshua 4:1-3, 10-11





The Ark of the Covenant (symbol of God's presence to the nation) went ahead as the people crossed the Jordan River in full flood.

Challenges YES! God leads the way through challenges—He doesn't leave us to figure it out alone.

- Prov 3:5-6
- Isaiah 8:11-13
- 2 Cor 1:8-9





Whether you're a child starting school, moving up to high school, a parent facing pressure, or an elder person dealing with health—God has gone ahead.

REMEMBER:

You're not the first one in the water—God's presence is already there!





COURAGE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE COMES WHEN WE REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Joshua 4:6-7, 20-24





Stones were set up as a lasting reminder of what God did.

They built a memorial to pass the story to future generations.

REMEMBER - Psalm 78:4, 81, 105, 106, 114,136

Forgetfulness is why we have sticky notes... and the Lord's Supper.





QUOTE: "God's faithfulness never changes — but sometimes I need to hit 'refresh' on my heart's browser."





PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL STUDY

If you're looking for psalms that intentionally "retell a history to help remember", the core trio is Psalm 78, Psalm 105, and Psalm 106 — they work to tell how a story unfolds:

- 78 "Don't forget here's what happened."
- 105 "See God's faithfulness in history."
- 106 "See our unfaithfulness in history."





Eugene Peterson "historical amnesia"

"A characteristic...that has spread into the larger population is the absence of historical sense. The young person, of course, has no history. He or she has a childhood, but no accumulation of experience beyond their personal life that produces a sense of history. Their world is highly personal and extremely based on their own experience... There is no feeling of being part of a living tradition that already has some answers worked out and some procedures worth repeating."





"Memory Stones" Craft (Kerry)

REMEMBER:

Build markers in your life to tell God's story again and again.





TESTIMONIES

- Specific areas where you have seen Gods provision,
- •Where you have seen Gods care,
- •Where you have seen God meet a need,
- Specific answers to prayer
- Specific ways God has helped you move forward





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TRANSFORMATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

- 1. Remember to Surrender (Joshua 5:13-15) Joshua fell in worship.
- 2. Remember God's Promise (Joshua 1:5) "I will never leave you no forsake you"
- 3. Remember God's Power (Joshua 4:24) The Lord is mighty!





4. Remember the Victory (Joshua 6:20) Walls fell at a shout. Through the cross, Jesus crushed sin's strongholds.

5. Remember Your Choice (Joshua 24:15)
"Choose today whom you will serve."
This meal is our answer: "Jesus, we are Yours"





CONCLUSION:

MEMORIALSTONES