

The twelve stones a memorial of God's power.

(Joshua 4:7)

Intro: When God orders a means of memorializing Himself, it is because as man we have this tendency to _____ how God has and is working in our lives. The hymn writer may well have had this in mind when he penned, 'Count Your Blessings'. The word "surprise" in the lyrics/chorus is not that God answered, but that we often forget and in reviewing we are surprised how easily we have forgotten. It is not only a good practice in simply thanking God for His goodness to us, or as the lyrics to an old hymn/song titled, 'I just came to talk to you Lord.'

I didn't come here to ask You for anything
I just came to talk with You, Lord
You've answered a million prayers or more
That I forgot to thank You for
I just came to talk with you, Lord

Maybe tomorrow there'll be trouble and sorrow
And a thousand tear drops may fall
But until I face tomorrow's task
I have no special favor to ask
I just came to talk with You, Lord

How many times, Lord
Have troubles brought me to my knees
But this time I just came to talk with You, Lord
I don't have a selfish motive in mind
Just want to thank You for all the other times
I just came to talk with You, Lord

The point being that we should _____ God by keeping a personal diary of our prayer requests and God's answers, then review them from time to time, especially when we feel like we are facing some trouble dwaters once again. "I just came, to talk with you Lord!"

I. The twelve stones are a memorial of God's _____ – Joshua 4:7.

A. Let's remember that at this point in Israel's wanderings, that

1. This is _____ generation than the one that witnessed the parting of the Red Sea.
2. I am sure this was more _____ and jaw dropping than parting the Jordan River.
3. This generation is about to cross over into Canaan having heard about the Red Sea Parting, but as is so often the situation, it is perhaps a tall tale or something exaggerated.
4. Now, with the Jordan overflowing its banks, the current swifter than normal, this new generation was about to see something beyond _____ comprehension, the Jordan River parting and the Israelites passing over a seemingly impossible situation.
5. In the forefront of their minds they must have the thoughts of the 10 spies who were convinced that taking the Promised Land was _____. (**Number 13**)
 - a. The ten spies saw Canaan through their _____ eyes, and what they saw was true, and their assessment was self-defeating.
 - b. Caleb & Joshua saw the very same things as did the ten, the difference being that these two men saw those same things through the eyes and promises of _____.

B. There was no doubt that from a human perspective taking the land of Canaan would need some divine knowledge and wisdom to say the least, and most certainly God's _____.

1. The stone memorial would be an important _____ for future generations as well as the current generation that with God _____ is impossible – **Genesis 18:13 & 14. (Matthew 19:26; Mark 9:23; 10:27 & 14:36)**
2. When we fail to remember the _____ of God in past dealings with us, then it seems that we have to _____ - _____ ourselves about His greatness rather than having that _____ confidence that Caleb and Joshua had in **Numbers 13:30.**
3. One of the purposes that the Holy Spirit places an _____ on the word "study" in **II Timothy 2:15**, is so that we can develop a biblical view of the world and not a human view, also, that we can readily conclude that God is bigger than any problem we will ever face.
4. Peter was doing great walking on the water as long as his _____ was on Christ, the minute Peter took his eyes from off the Lord and focused _____ on the raging storm, Peter lost his faith in being able to conquer the impossible and gave into the improbable. (**Matthew 14:25 – 32**)
5. Satan is a master at _____, a master at sewing seeds of doubts, and the "**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,**" (**Philippians 4:13.**) becomes anyone else but me.

C. What memories do you have concerning God and what He has done in your life that has always been a source of encouragement, a source of strength for you in the time of trouble and uncertainty? There is nothing God can't do attitude.