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Do not forget the kindness of Jehovah

The Book of Joshua (chapter 4).

4:6 These stones may be used as evidence among you. Later your children will ask you, "What do these stones mean?" 4:7 And you say to them, This is because the waters of the Jordan River are cut off before the covenant of the Hohvah. The time of the covenant of the Jordan River is about to be cut off. These stones are to be remembered as the eternal memory of the Israelis.

Bless the LORD, and forget not all his goodness!" (Psalm 103:2). When we speak of Jehovah's grace, we are not just talking about a divine grace, but also an infinite amount of love and kindness. This favor transcends the limitations of time and space, it is omnipresent and eternal.

In every journey of life, we have experienced the highs and lows of life. At times, we may feel lonely, disappointed, or disoriented. But even in those darkest moments, Jehovah's grace shines like a warm ray of sunlight through the clouds and on our hearts.

When we look back at the bits and pieces of our lives, we will find many moments when we were filled with Jehovah's grace. Perhaps it was after a difficult period that we found strength and courage, or perhaps in a moment of despair we found hope and comfort. These are testimonies of Jehovah's grace, who is always there for us and gives us the strength to face life's challenges.

No matter where we are in life, we must not forget that Jehovah's kindness is an important reminder. It teaches us gratitude, humility, and love. When we experience His love, we are also inspired to pass on that love and kindness to those around us, and to perpetuate this grace.

Jehovah's grace is so deep and vast that it is beyond our limited comprehension. Let's be grateful every day, cherish this grace, and bring it into our lives as an encouragement and strength to one another.

There are many passages in the Bible that refer to the grace of Jehovah that speak of God's love, kindness, and grace. Here are some scriptures about Jehovah's grace:

Psalm 103:8 - "Jehovah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness."
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Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by grace and through faith you have been saved, not of yourselves, but by God, and not by works, lest anyone should boast." "

1 Timothy 1:14 - "But I received abundant grace, the grace of Christ Jesus, the grace of truth." "

Psalm 116:5 - "The Lord is gracious and righteous, and our God is merciful. "

2 Corinthians 12:9 - "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my power is to be made perfect in weakness. "

These verses are part of the Bible about Jehovah's grace, and they demonstrate God's endless love and kindness to people. Through these passages in the Bible, we can gain a deeper understanding of how Jehovah's grace manifests itself in our lives

As Christians, responding to Jehovah's favor is an important expression of faith. Here are some ways Christians can respond to God's grace:

Thanksgiving and Praise: Be thankful for God's grace and respond to His lovingkindness with praise and thanksgiving. This can be expressed through prayer, worship, and praise songs.

Walk in Love: Extend God's love and grace to those around you. Demonstrating love, generosity, and forgiveness in everyday life is one of the most beautiful responses to God's grace.

Hold on to the faith: Live a life of trust and reliance on God, firmly trusting in His promises and grace. This life of faith is a response to God's grace and shows our trust and loyalty to Him.

Serve others: Respond to God's grace by serving and helping others. This can be charitable work, volunteering, church service, or other forms of selfless giving.

Seek sanctification and growth: Respond to God's love and grace by continually pursuing sanctification and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible reading, participation in Church meetings, and the guidance of spiritual teachers.

Share the Gospel: Share God's grace and gospel message with others so that more people have the opportunity to experience God's love and salvation.

These responses are all available to Christians, and they demonstrate gratitude and response to God's grace. Through these actions, we can allow God's grace to manifest in our lives and bring that grace and love to others.

We pray

In Your grace we gaze,

Rest in compassion and love,

May our hearts always be open,

Feel Your love never fails.

Give us strength and wisdom,

Let us always be firm in our beliefs,

Praise Thee in the face of adversity,

Spread Your love to the world.

Let us be like bright lights,

Shine your glory in the darkness,

With gestures of love and generosity,

Manifest Your endless mercy.

May we forget our pride,

Serve You with humility,

Let us treat each other with love,

Embrace the miracle of Your grace one another.

Thank You for your endless forgiveness,

Let us be reconciled with one another,

Peace and blessings,

Dwell in Eternal Peace in Your grace.

May we never forget Your grace,

Worship and praise in Your love,

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen, amen, amen.

Joshua chapter 4

Jo. 4:1 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua,

Jo. 4:2 “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe,

Jo. 4:3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them

over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

Jo. 4:4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe,

Jo. 4:5 and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites,

Jo. 4:6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’

Jo. 4:7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel for ever.”

Jo. 4:8 So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.

Jo. 4:9 Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day. Jo. 4:10

Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the LORD had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over,

Jo. 4:11 and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the LORD and the priests came to the other side while the people watched.

Jo. 4:12 The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, armed, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them.

Jo. 4:13 About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the LORD to the plains of Jericho for war.

Jo. 4:14 That day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they revered him all the days of his life, just as they had revered Moses.

Jo. 4:15 Then the LORD said to Joshua,

Jo. 4:16 “Command the priests carrying the ark of the Testimony to come up out of the Jordan.”

Jo. 4:17 So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.”

Jo. 4:18 And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran in flood as before.

Jo. 4:19 On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho.

Jo. 4:20 And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan.

Jo. 4:21 He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' Jo. 4:22 tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' Jo. 4:23 For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.

Jo. 4:24 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."

Chapter 4 begins with the Israelites still camped at Gilgal, on the western side of the Jordan River. God instructs Joshua to have twelve men, one from each tribe, pick up a stone from the spot where the priests were standing with the ark of the covenant in the middle of the Jordan River and carry them to the other side as a memorial.

Joshua commands the people to listen to the priests carrying the ark of the covenant and to stay back from the ark as they pass by. The twelve men then pick up the stones and carry them across the river, where they are set up as a memorial at Gilgal.

The chapter emphasizes the importance of the stones as a reminder of God's faithfulness and power, and the Israelites are instructed to tell future generations about what God has done for them. The chapter concludes with a statement about Joshua's leadership and how the people began to fear and respect him as they had respected Moses before him. Chapter 4 emphasizes the importance of memorials as a way to remember and pass on the stories of God's faithfulness to future generations. It also shows how Joshua's leadership was recognized and respected by the Israelites, and how he was seen as a worthy successor to Moses.

Joshua chapter 4 contains several important verses Here are a few examples:

1. "So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, 'Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you.'" (Joshua 4:4-5)

2. "He said to the Israelites, 'In the future when your descendants ask their parents, "What do these stones mean?" tell them, "Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'" 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 when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.'" (Joshua 4:21-23)

3. "So Joshua commanded the priests, 'Come up out of the Jordan.' And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on

the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before." (Joshua 4:16-18)

4. "On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they revered him all the days of his life, just as they had revered Moses." (Joshua 4:14)

5. "He said to them, 'Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a memorial for the future. In the days to come, when your children ask their fathers, "What do these stones mean?" tell them, "Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'"" (Joshua 4:7)

These verses emphasize the importance of remembering God's faithfulness and provision, and passing on stories of His miracles to future generations. The stones taken from the Jordan River served as a visual reminder of God's power and the miraculous crossing of the river. The exaltation of Joshua demonstrates the importance of strong leadership and the role of faith in God's plan.

In Joshua chapter 4, we witness the aftermath of the miraculous crossing of the Jordan River and the establishment of a memorial to commemorate this significant event in the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land. This chapter provides us with insights about remembrance, faithfulness, and the enduring legacy of God's faithfulness.

One of the primary themes in this chapter is the importance of remembrance. After the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, God instructed Joshua to select twelve men, one from each tribe, to take twelve stones from the riverbed and create a memorial at their campsite in Gilgal. This memorial was intended to serve as a visual reminder for future generations, so that when their children asked about its significance, the Israelites could recount the story of God's miraculous provision and deliverance. The act of remembrance was vital for the Israelites to reflect on God's faithfulness in the past, to reinforce their trust in His promises for the future, and to pass down a legacy of faith to future generations.

Another important aspect of this chapter is the emphasis on the faithfulness of God. The miracle of the Jordan River crossing, along with the establishment of the memorial, serves as a testimony to God's power and His faithfulness in fulfilling His promises. It reinforces the idea that God is a covenant-keeping God who remembers His people and guides them through challenging circumstances.

Additionally, the chapter highlights the role of leadership in preserving the memory of God's faithfulness. Joshua is specifically instructed to set up the memorial and to ensure that the story of God's miraculous intervention is passed down to future generations. This underscores the responsibility of leaders to teach and remind others of God's faithfulness, as well as the importance of actively sharing and preserving our own testimonies of God's work in our lives.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 4 teaches us several valuable lessons. It reminds us of the significance of remembrance in our spiritual journey. Taking time to reflect on God's faithfulness in our lives and creating reminders of His work can strengthen our faith and serve as a testimony

to future generations. It also encourages us to be faithful in passing down the stories of God's faithfulness to the next generation, ensuring that His works are not forgotten.

Furthermore, the chapter highlights the unwavering faithfulness of God. His promises endure, and He remains steadfast in guiding and delivering His people. The chapter prompts us to trust in God's faithfulness and to rely on His provision and guidance as we face our own challenges and obstacles.

Overall, Joshua chapter 4 calls us to remember God's faithfulness, to pass down our stories of His work, and to trust in His enduring promises. It challenges us to be intentional in preserving the memory of God's faithfulness and to live out our lives in a way that testifies to His power and love.

