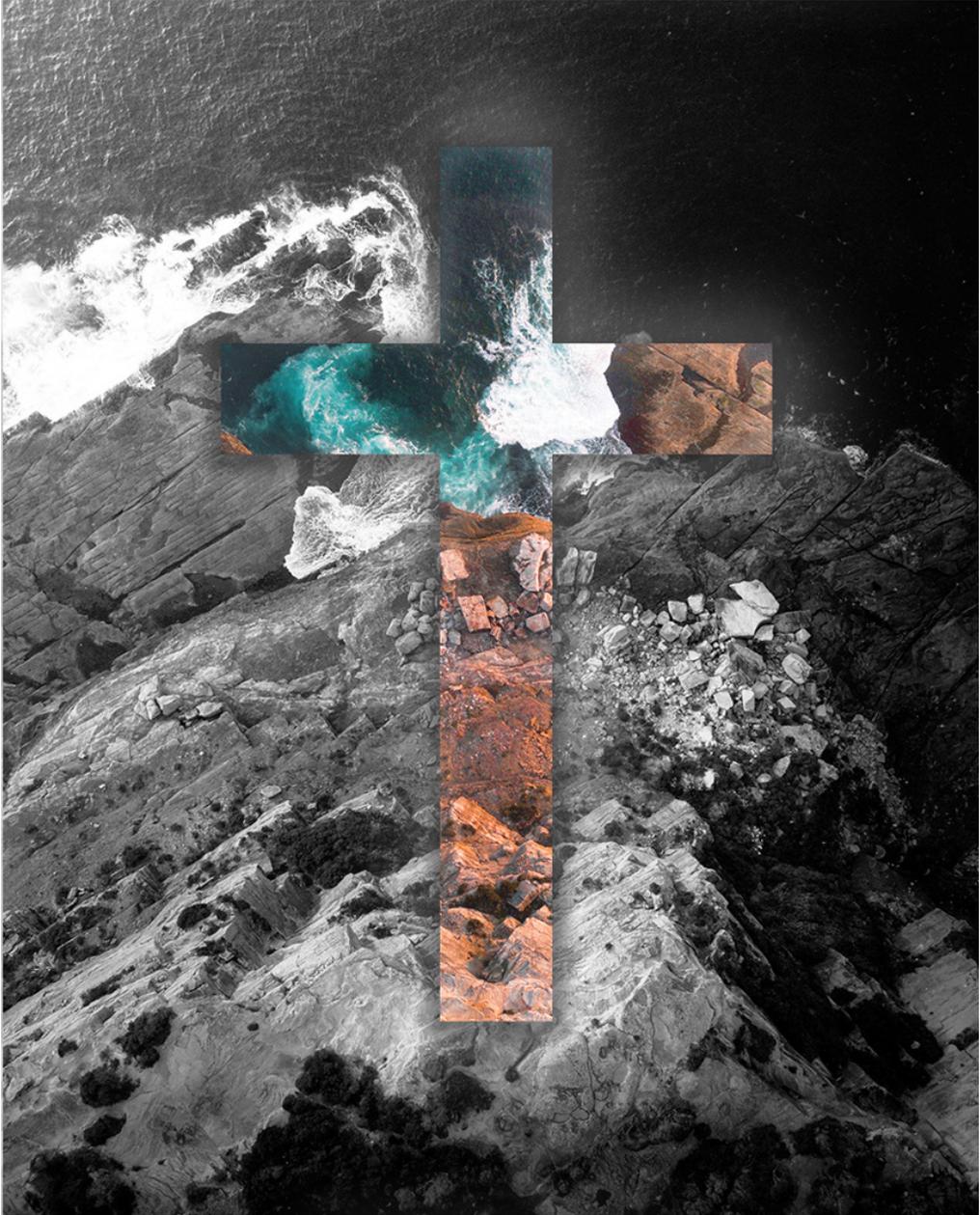


MEMORIES AND MEMORIALS



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JOSHUA 4:1-9 NLT

When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell them, 'Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.'" So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. He told them, "Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever." So the men did as Joshua had commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, one for each tribe, just as the Lord had told Joshua. They carried them to the place where they camped for the night and constructed the memorial there. Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing. And they are there to this day.

WHY ARE MEMORIES AND MEMORIALS IMPORTANT?

1. THEY _____ US.

Remember your promise to me; it is my only hope. Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles. [Psalm 119:49-50](#) NLT

2. THEY _____ US.

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. [Ephesians 5:2](#) NLT

3. THEY PROMOTE A _____ .

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SO WHAT?

But then I recall all you have done, O Lord;
I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. [Psalm 77:11](#) NLT

MAY THE _____ OF WHAT _____ HAS DONE FOR ME
CAUSE ME TO LIVE _____ ALL FOR _____ .

TO HELP YOU REMEMBER...

1. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY?

2. WHAT IS A MEMORIAL THAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU? FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO D.C. AND SEEN ANY OF THE MEMORIALS THERE?

3. IS THERE A SPECIFIC MEMORIAL THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

4. HOW IS COMMUNION A MEMORIAL FOR US AS CHRISTIANS?

5. HOW DOES COMMUNION CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS?

6. WHAT CHANGES CAN AND WILL YOU MAKE IN YOUR LIFE SO THAT YOU LIVE AS A MEMORIAL TO JESUS?