



sermon notes

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Stones of Remembrance

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In the “waiting rooms” of life, God says ...  
Don't FEAR, Don't FRET,  
Don't FAINT, and Don't \_\_\_\_\_!

### Exodus 17:1-6 (NLT)

At the LORD's command, the whole community of Israel... moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So once more the people complained against Moses. “Give us water to drink!” they demanded.

<sup>3</sup> ... “Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Are you trying to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What should I do with these people? They are ready to stone me!”

<sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Walk out in front of the people. Take your staff, the one you used when you struck the water of the Nile, and call some of the elders of Israel to join you. <sup>6</sup> I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink.” So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on.

God had provided

- water where there was no water,
- hope where there was no hope, and
- life where there was no life

Remember

\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_!

### Joshua 4:1-3, 6, 20-24 (NLT)

When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua,

<sup>2</sup> “Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. <sup>3</sup> 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.’” <sup>6</sup> We will use these stones to build a memorial...<sup>20</sup> Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River.

<sup>21</sup> Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’” <sup>22</sup> Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’” <sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. <sup>24</sup> He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD's hand is powerful, and so you might honor the LORD your God forever.”

The pile of rocks was important because we have short memories. The rocks were to remind future generations that it was only by the grace of God that they made it to the Promised Land.

Remember  
Rocks to \_\_\_\_\_!

John 4:13-14 (CEV)

*Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life."*

The water that Jesus gives is the water of eternal life.

Remember  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ!

## **Our Story**

Water from the rock!

Rocks to Remember!

The living water of Jesus Christ!

May we never forget it.