

## THE BEST IS YET TO COME

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*When all the people were safely across the river, the Lord said to Joshua, “Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell the men to take twelve stones from where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan and pile them up at the place where you camp tonight.” Joshua 4:1-3 NLT*

*It was there at Gilgal that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River. Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future, your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ 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. He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD’s hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever. Joshua 4:20-24 NLT*

### i. We honor the past... to communicate

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*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...1 Peter 3:15 NIV*

**Love** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Serve** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Worship** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Love**

### ii. \_\_\_\_\_ the future...

*And when everyone was safely on the other side, the priests crossed over with the Ark of the LORD as the people watched. The armed warriors from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh led the Israelites across the Jordan, just as Moses had directed. These armed men—about 40,000 strong—were ready for battle, and the LORD was with them as they crossed over to the plains of Jericho. Joshua 4:11-13 NLT*

As soon as the priests carrying the Ark of the LORD's Covenant came up out of the riverbed and their feet were on high ground, the water of the Jordan returned and overflowed its banks as before. **Joshua 4:18 NLT**

**...with \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives**

*For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God...*  
**2 Corinthians 13:4 NKJV**

*So our aim is to please Him always...* **2 Corinthians 5:9a LB**

*The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.*  
**Luke 4:18,19 NLT**