

To This Day  
Josh.4:1-24 (7,9)  
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“...Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 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 forever....And they are there to this day.” (Josh.4:5b-7,9b) (See Josh.4:19-24 also)

God in His wisdom understands our need to be reminded. He understands our need for teaching moments. As verse 6 shows: “In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them...” Teachable moments are important for us today too.

Memorial Day is one of those national holidays that has been set up so that we can remember the importance of the sacrifices of our past so that we might not take lightly what we now enjoy so freely.

The partaking of the Communion Meal or Lord’s Supper is one of those Memorial Events practiced regularly so that we might not forget and so that we might have teachable moments to explain to our children what great thing God Has done on our behalf. Our Lives are full of such events. Our churches and our homes are also full of objects of memory, either of events or the people who were important to us. (so also are our communities)

Memorial Day is not celebrated like it was when I was young with marching bands, waving banners, resounding gun salutes and community picnics but we can still show we care and remember by asking and listening to the re-telling.