

What Do These Stones Mean To You?

Joshua 4:1-7

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Question #1: What do these stones mean to you?

1. These stones represent Sacrifice.
2. These stones represent Blessing.
3. These stones represent Faithfulness.
4. These stones represent the Past.

Question #2: What should these stones mean to us?

“These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”
Joshua 4:7b (NIV); also see 4:21-24

1. God’s Presence in the past.
2. God’s Plan for the future.

- Those stones were saying, “God has been with you in the past, but not to stay in the past. Not to stay in the wilderness, but to know that God is with you as you move forward into even greater days of **victory** and **blessing**.”

Question #3: What should we do next?

1. Rededicate ourselves to the Lord.

At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” Joshua 5:2

- Circumcision represented the covenant between God and His people and that the people were set apart for the Lord.

2. Prepare to fight.

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” Joshua 5:13-14a

- The Lord was telling Joshua, it is time to fight. If we want to fulfill God’s plans and receive God’s blessings, **we have to work for it.**