

“Standing Stones: Leaving a Legacy”

How God’s Faithfulness stirs our Faith

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Deuteronomy 8:2 ESV

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Psalms 77:11 ESV

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

Psalms 111:4 ESV

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Proverbs 10:7 ESV

The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 ESV

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”;

Luke 22:19 ESV

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

John 14:26 ESV

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NIV (see also: Deuteronomy 11:18-20)

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Exodus 23:24

²⁴ Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces.

Leviticus 26:1

26 “Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 16:21-22

²¹ Do not set up any wooden Asherah pole beside the altar you build to the LORD your God, ²² and do not erect a sacred stone, for these the LORD your God hates.

Moments of God's Working which I don't fully believe:

1. It is just a coincidence
2. I just don't want to believe
3. I forget – it is more about me.
4. It reminds me of pain & suffering in the world

Reasons to Believe:

1. It is not just coincidence – God is at work
2. Set aside my rebellion
3. Remember – It gives him the glory, and he instructs us to remember
4. In our Pain & Suffering – there is a God who is faithful

God's Faithfulness Stirs Our Faith

1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house^[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- to be living stones
- to be built into His Spiritual House
- to be made acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

There are moments in our Lives in which God does something (small or spectacular) which is meant to give glory to His Faithfulness. Those moments should not be forgotten.

They:

1. Build our faith
2. Excite our spirit
3. Warn us of the dangers of unfaithfulness (sin)
4. Remind us of life truths which get us through the times of pain, struggle, suffering

“God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn no other way.” - C.S. Lewis

CONCLUSION

As you reflect on your 2024, do you see God's faithfulness? Will it inspire your faith as you head into 2025? What does God have in store for you this coming year?