

## How to Keep a Strong Faith

TEXT: Joshua 4:1-8;

Isaiah 43:2 "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; ..."

### **I. The Plan for the Memorials (4:1-14)**

A. Where ye shall lodge this night - Joshua 4:2-3;

B. And in the Midst of the River - Joshua 4:9;

Joshua 4:7 "... and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever."

ILL. The Ark of the Covenant was carried with them during the wanderings and the conquest as symbolic of God's presence. Hebrews 9:4 "... the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;"

**Jesus knew the importance of Memorials** - Luke 22:19-20;

C. This Authenticated God's Messenger or Leader - Joshua 4:14;

Even John the Baptist never performed a miracle - John 10:41;

### **II. The Purpose of Memorials - Luke 14:11; Joshua 4:16-18;**

A. Land of NO return –

B. Land of Great Promise - Joshua 4:21-23;

1. TELL THE CHILDREN - Deuteronomy 6:7; Joshua 4:22; Ephesians 6:4b;

2. TELL THE WORLD - Joshua 4:24a; Joshua 2:10-11;

3. TELL YOURSELF - Joshua 4:24b;

**Conclusion:** Romans 15:4 "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."