JUMP - Trust God's Best

3 ways I benefit from remembering:

- *Memory builds my personal identity
- *Memory guides my behavior
- *Memory determines my style of <u>relating</u> with others.
- 1. Our faith is built on <u>remembering</u> what God has done because He is faithful to be present with us through the rivers of deliverance and salvation. *Joshua 4:1-3; Joshua 4:4-8; 1 Peter 2:5*
- *Remember what God has done for me.
- *Talk about what God has done. My faith story has power, and it is not just for me- it's for my children as well, and anyone else I tell it to.
- *Build a living memorial for what God has done. In the Joshua story the stones were the memorial- in our story, we are the memorial.

2. Great leadership <u>waits</u> for others to get to safety, and at the same time, people who are truly wanting God's best hurry to get there. Joshua 4:10-11; 2 Peter 3:9; Psalm 37:7a; 1 Corinthians 13:7

- *The priests had to be tired- yet they <u>waited</u> for every person to make it to safety.
- *The priests remained <u>faithful</u> and waited even though they were at risk.
- *The people didn't prolong the priest's waiting- they <u>hur-</u>ried into the Promised Land.

Next week's reading guide:

Joshua 5:1, 1 John 4:1-21 Joshua 5:2-9, Colossians 2:6-15 Joshua 5:10-12, Philippians 3:1-11 Joshua 5:13-15, Galations 6:12-16 Romans 2:25-29 Romans 4:1-25 Galations 5:1-26

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Share a positive memory from when you were young. Share a negative memory. How was your identity shaped by each?
- 2. Who has waited in the river for you? Who have you waited for? What has that been like for you?
- 3. Have you hurried to enter God's best for you? What have you done to change and grow?
- 4. How deeply impacted are you by Christ's sacrifice for you? Is it truly the most defining moment in your life? Why or why not?

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