Part #3 MEMORIALS OF GRACE

Scripture Song: Be strong and of good courage – Deut. 31:6

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Lessons of Faith from Joshua. Today's topic: MEMORIALS OF GRACE.

1) Preparing to cross the River Jordan

a. Joshua 3:1-5 What essential preparation was necessary for the children of Israel before crossing the River Jordan?
b. Why was it important for the children of Israel to know that the presence of the LORD would go before them? (past failure: Numbers 14:40-45)
c. How can we prepare for God to work in miraculous ways for us, in us, and through us? Psalm 139:23-24, 1 Peter 5:6, etc.

2) Miraculous crossing

a. Joshua 3:6-17 Why didn't the LORD instruct the children of Israel to build rafts or a pontoon bridge to cross the River Jordan? (Jeremiah 32:17, Luke 18: 27, etc.)
b. What miracles of the LORD had the children of Israel already witnessed in their tedious journey from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land?
c. What later crossing of the River Jordan reminded the children of Israel of the LORD's miracle-working power? 2 Kings 2:1-15
d. Share a time when you saw God work in your life in a miraculous way.

3) Building an altar of remembrance at the River Jordan

a. Joshua 4:1-9 Why did the LORD instruct Joshua to build an altar of remembrance after the crossing of the River Jordan?
b. Joshua 4:21-24 What was Joshua's testimony after the children of Israel had crossed the River Jordan?
c. Why was there no instruction for these 12 stones to be hewn or shaped by human stonecutters?
d. What altar of remembrance did Jesus build near the end of His earthly ministry? Matthew 26:26-30, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
e. What are some ways we can build altars of remembrance, so we will always remember God's miraculous work in our own lives?
f. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in helping us to remember the way God has led us in the past? John 14:26, 16:7-15

4) Being aware of God's miraculous work each day

a. How can we become more aware of God's miraculous work in our lives and all around us each day? Colossians 4:2
b. How should we respond when the Holy Spirit helps us to notice God at work in us and around us? Psalm 66:6, 9:1-2, etc.
c. What is your testimony of praise to God today?