

# Setting Your Heart

on the

# Kingdom



## JOSHUA

### *Memorial Stones—Landmarks for Your Children*

*(The Principle of Transferring Faith to the Next Generation)*

Joshua 4:1-7

The young child looked inquisitively at the large heap of stones beside the Jordan and asked, “Grandpa, what are these stones? Who put them here? What do they mean?” “This, my son,” explained the old patriarch, “is where your father and I crossed the great river years ago. Each of these twelve stones came from the middle of the river. The Lord commanded that we place them here...just so that children, like you, would ask what they mean. This is where the Lord God of Israel did a mighty thing for His people. He cut off the waters of the Jordan and we crossed over on dry ground.” The boy gazed across the vast overflowing river and exclaimed, “God must really be awesome. I wish I had been there to see that! Do you think He would do something like that for me?” “Yes, my child,” the aged grandfather softly whispered, “Nothing is impossible with God...and He wants to show Himself strong to you and to your whole generation as well.”

What you’ve just read is a story of God’s intention for His people. Each generation must seek and receive the Kingdom of God for themselves (Luke 12:31-32). But someone has to deliberately leave signs for the children to follow. Even the Apostle Paul reminded Timothy of the faith in his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5). *Memorial stones are landmarks...visible reminders of God’s powerful work in your life. They point the way for the next generation to find the God of the miraculous.*

Do you remember how God helped you when there was no way out? Remember when you could have lost your life, but God spared you? Remember how the unseen hand of God directed you toward your divine destiny and gave you supernatural provisions? *Parents...unless you transfer your faith to your children in a tangible way, they may lose out with God (Deut. 11:18-21; Ps. 78:3-7)!* Your landmarks may be old pictures, articles of clothing, newspaper clippings, or simply the stories that you tell around the dinner table. They become signs that God still works miracles for His people. But don’t stop there. *Be sure that your children (spiritual children as well) know that God can do the same for them...if they follow Him with all their hearts.*

*Next Week: The Kingdom of God in Judges... Who Said Women Can’t Lead?*

