

We need to be a people of faith



Summarize → Love's Language breaks bondage of Babylon

Change world, Challenged brokenness, Change Jesus, Church answer

MOVE TOGETHER

Acts 2 and Ephesians 4 Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ 4 Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, <u>urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have</u> <u>received, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one</u> <u>another in love, 3 diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit with the peace that</u> <u>binds us.</u> 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Psalm 133 Blessed Unity of the People of God Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ...For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.



We have been consecrating for a crossing TOGETHER

JOSHUA

God's Heart for this season: Joshua 3:1 Joshua started early the next morning and left the Acacia Grove with all the Israelites. They went as far as the Jordan and stayed there before crossing. 2 After three days the officers went through the camp 3 and commanded the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God carried by the Levitical priests, you must break camp and follow it. 4 But keep a distance of about 1,000 yards between yourselves and the ark. Don't go near it, so that you can see the way to go, for you haven't traveled this way before." 5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, because the LORD will do wonders among you tomorrow."

Summarize → Prophetic positioning

So we need to have faith | Promised land season of God

- Aware of His presence
- Open to the new way
- Consecrate our lives, hearts: a.o. mouths and thinking
- walk in love and unity with one-another: hearing, in humility, building and moving together by His Spirit

1. What now?

Faith is on God's heart today

Hebrews 11:6 Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.

Again, we continue and learn from the book of JOSHUA

Joshua 4 (HCSB)

After the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord spoke to Joshua: 2 "Choose 12 men from the people, one man for each tribe, 3 and command them: Take 12 stones from this place in the middle of the Jordan where the priests are standing, carry them with you, and set them down at the place where you spend the night." 4 So Joshua summoned the 12 men he had selected from the Israelites, one man for each tribe, 5 and said to them, "Go across to the ark of the Lord your God in the middle of the Jordan. Each of you lift a stone onto his shoulder, one for each of the Israelite tribes, 6 so that this will be a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean to you?' 7 you should tell them, 'The waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the Lord's

covenant. When it crossed the Jordan, the Jordan's waters were cut off.' Therefore these stones will always be a memorial for the Israelites." 8 The Israelites did just as Joshua had commanded them. The 12 men took stones from the middle of the Jordan, one for each of the Israelite tribes, just as the Lord had told Joshua. They carried them to the camp and set them down there. 9 Joshua also set up 12 stones in the middle of the Jordan where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing. The stones are there to this day... ...19 The people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and camped at Gilgal on the eastern limits of Jericho. 20 Then Joshua set up in Gilgal the 12 stones they had taken from the Jordan, 21 and he said to the Israelites, "In the future, when your children ask their fathers, 'What is the meaning of these stones?' 22 you should

tell your children, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' 23 For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, just as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over. 24 This is so that all the people of the earth may know that the Lord's hand is mighty, and so that you may always fear the Lord your God."

Application \rightarrow

- customary to set up some type of stone monument at the site of God's miraculous intervention

- remind YOU AND future generations about God's ability to save and deliver

- the stones would remind future generations that in time of need they could look to God. Sharing the testimonies!

These stones show that God has been FAITHFUL

2. Looking back at all our stones:





'We need the stones of the past, to build a future'

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

3. Laying down our stones again:

2022 →















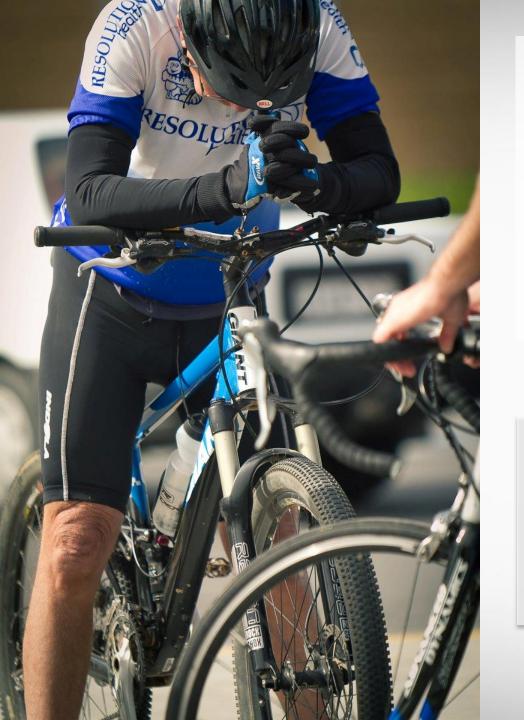












Built on Stones of Faith AND

GOD'S Faithfulness

