



Renewed & Reminded

- **Moments that bring Memories**
 - reflect on the feelings and emotions
 - reflect on the decisions and intentions
 - reflect on current reality
- **Not to bring guilt or shame, pride or arrogance**
 - allow for course corrections
 - enjoy the markers, mileposts and victories
 - reminded of goals and walking forward
- **God understands and speaks to this**



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Duet 4:9-10 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children— how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”



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Josh 4:6-7 “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

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- **2 Peter 1:12** – ‘I always intend to remind you ...’
- **2 Peter 3:1-2** – “stirring you up by way of reminder that you should remember...”
- **2 Cor 10:6** – “Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.”
- **1 Cor. 10:11-12** “Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall”

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Today – Baptism & Communion

- **reminded – that time in your journey with Jesus**
 - reflect on feelings and emotions
 - reflect on intentions and decisions
 - honest look at heart and current reality
- **renewed – allowing Jesus to move**
 - course corrections – get back to walking
 - gratitude & growing trust – markers & mileposts
- **restored – placing my trust in the right place**
 - participating and praising



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What it is not...

- Religious Ritual
- Church Tradition
- Salvation
- For those who have it all together

Acts 2:37-38... ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Basics About Baptism

1. Commanded in Scripture!

- *“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* **Matt 28:18-20**
- *“Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”* **Acts 2:38**
- Baptism is not a suggestion, for those holy ones, nor simply a ritual or tradition; it is commanded

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Basics About Baptism

2. Outward Action of Internal Reality!

- Baptism is a symbolic public declaration of Christ's work in you!

- *"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:3-4*



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Basics About Baptism

3. In Baptism We:

- Identify With Christ**
- Are Obedient to Scripture**
- Dedicate Ourselves to God**
- Confess Our Faith to the World**

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So What?

1. Baptism Commanded In Scripture

- Order - repent and be baptized

- *“If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”* **John 14:23-24**

- Scripture clear about obedience to God



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So What?

2. Step that Marks A Reality

- For the Spiritual realm**
- For fellow believers**
- For the world to see**
- For you to look back on**