

Under the Oak Tree

Remembrances for Staying True

Abraham, Jacob, Joshua and other heroes of the faith built altars and piles of stones as memorials to God to help them remember the promises, blessings, and acts of God on their behalf.

In Joshua 4:1-9 What do the pile of stones remind the Israelites of?
Similarly, in Joshua 24:23-27 What was the purpose of the stone under the oak tree?

God put in place 2 ordinances for the church.

1. Baptism (Matt. 28:19)
2. Communion (1Cor. 11:23-26)

As Christians, we are His Body, and He has given us many ways to remember to stay true:

- ❖ the Holy Spirit –John 15:26-16:4
- ❖ His Word—Psalm 119:11, 105 Hebrews 4:12
- ❖ Prayer—James 5:16
- ❖ One another--Hebrews 3:13, Acts 2:42
- ❖ Spiritual Armor—Ephesians 6:10-18
- ❖ _____
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Personally, what are the tangible memorials that keep you focused on Him? How do we, today, build “memorials” to God? What are some of the things that we should remember?

- ❖ Salvation: (date on calendar, Scripture used, our testimony)
- ❖ Scripture on plaques, bookmarks, hidden in our hearts, etc)
- ❖ God’s blessings, answered prayers (tell others, record it, journal it.)
- ❖ Holy-days (Make special days part of your spiritual journey)
- ❖ Remembrance jars or other containers. (Items from memorable times of growth with God.)
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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2