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Joshua 4:4-7 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord our God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, that the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

These stones were set up for a memorial for those that would pass by them to bring a question of why are these stones here? I believe our life is a memorial for all those around us. I would like

to ask you two questions about your life today. The first question is what kind of memory are you going to leave after you are gone? A memory is a very powerful thing. Look at David in the Bible when he killed Goliath, the giant. If that was the last exploit that he did before he died that victory would be the memory he would have left. Let's continue to follow David in his life and we see he falls into sin, adultery and murder. What a terrible act for a man that God said was after His own heart. If David had died in his sins, what a horrible memory would have been left of his life. But, we can't stop there because he didn't die in his sins and after God confronted David he repented and cast himself on the mercies of God. Now as we look at the memory of King David's life we do remember all the victories and failures of his life but the ultimate memory is a man that was restored to the Lord and a man that was always casting himself upon the mercies of God trusting in the Lord. What memory are you going to leave? Is it one of unforgiveness,

bitterness, pride or covetousness or maybe one of love, patience, a man or woman of prayer or of the Word of God? No matter what you are or what you have done, you can leave a Godly memory to this generation. Just get it right with the Lord and your fellow man and the last act will be the over riding memory of all the others. If you have hurt someone make it right with them and the memory will be of the healing and not the hurt that you had caused in their life. Solomon said "the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be". Whatever you are when you die that is the memory you will leave when you are gone.

The second question I would like to ask, is Christ so real and evident in your life that those around you question the who, what, where and why of your life? Look at Christ's life as He walked on the earth. As He stood up in the temple

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and spoke, the scribes and Pharisees ask who is this man? When He cleansed the temple they ask by what authority doest thou these things? Everywhere all the time someone is asking a question about this man Jesus. The woman at the well asked, why are you talking to me a Samaritan? Also she asked, how can you draw water from the well with out a bucket? Then she asked, are you greater than our father Jacob? Question after question and because of that Christ was able to minister life to this woman. The sick asked can you heal my son my daughter my sick body? The leper asked, can you make me whole? Demons cried out, have you come to torment us before the time? His life was a wave maker they either loved Him or hated Him and nothing in between. Paul said “ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me”. If Christ is truly living His life through us then our life WILL cause those around us to ask the question of who, what, where and why?

Our prayer for you and your family is that Christ would be made real to the world around you.

Thank you to all that pray for us and support this ministry. Have a safe 4th of July.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken Geisendorfer

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Judge of the nations, hear us we pray;
We repent of how we have lived so foolishly
day after day.

We are sorry for our rebellion against Thy Holy Word.
Today bring thy conviction that toward thee
our hearts are stirred.

We bend our knees before thee in thy
love and mercy, please forgive us.

We rest our faith in Thee.

Stay Thou forever near us

And guide us constantly.

Through all our days protected

By Thy unfailing light,

We shall not be deflected

From paths of truth and right.

Eternal Father, teach us

The courage of the free.

With Thy pure Spirit reach us

With faith and charity.

Illumine all around us

With brotherhood and love.

In all our ways surround us

With wisdom from above.

God of the years, remind us

Of our great history,

The memories that bind us

In one fraternity ~~

Heroes who served before us,

Whose valor paved the way

For this flag floating o'er us ~

Oh, bless this land today!

....Wise Words from the author....

The highest Christian life will manifest its practical influence immediately in the home and in the relationship of husbands and wives. It will make the husband loving and gentle and the wife yielded, affectionate and faithful. Domestic fidelity will not be a matter of romantic attachment, but of holy watchfulness, self-restraint, constant regard to the will of God and highest good of each other. Domestic brawls, jealousies and strife have no place in a Christian family circle, and there is no place where our example and testimony speak more for God than in the practical and sacred sphere of the Christian family.

A.B. Simpson

