

November 14th 2010 – To Remember and Not to Remember

Introduction:

Remembering can have two consequences in our lives. It can either cause us to dwell on the past and produce death in the now or we can gain encouragement and hope from the past.

Remembering can bring Life - Joshua 3 and 4

Israelites crossing the Jordan River whilst entering the promised land. Set up stones of remembrance so that they would never forget what God had done for them.

For 3 reasons:

- So people would remember their own personal experience
- As a means of education for new generations
- As a signpost to the world

God is looking for us to build memorials – We can so easily forget the goodness of God but constantly through scripture we see God reminding his people of what he has done for them.

Remembering can bring death – Genesis 19

Lot's wife looked back on Sodom and Gomorrah and it resulted in her death. Looking back at certain things in our lives, things that maybe we want to go back to, all these types of things can result in death.

What do we need to do?

Down – Take down some memorials that are in her lives

Left – No longer remember the things that need to be left behind

Up – Need to put up some memorials in our lives. Remember those times he broke through

Right – Remember the right things. The truth of who we are and who he is.

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To encounter God and to invite others into an encounter