

Key Scripture

Matthew 16:18 NKIV

<u>I will build My church</u> and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Building with River Stone

Joshua 4:1-3 NLT

1 When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua,
2 "Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. 3 Tell them, 'Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan.
Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight."

Joshua 4:9 NLT

9 Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing.

And they are there to this day.

Two Sites - Two Memorials

1 Peter 2:5 Message

<u>Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life</u> in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.

✓	<u>Seen</u> Memorial:_The round rocks on the land.					
	What prevents me from building a memorial for others to see? •					
✓	Unseen Memorial: The round rocks in the river.					
	What prevents me from building a memorial that can't be seen? •					
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Kingdom Builders

Two Build Sites

Building at Two Sites Simultaneously...

1. Public Build Site: On the Land.

Joshua 4:5-7 NLT

5 He told them, "Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God.
 <u>Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder</u>—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. <u>6 We will use these stones to build a memorial.</u> In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?'
 7 <u>Then you can tell them</u>, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.

'These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever."

- ✓ We each have a responsibility to build a public witness.
 Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder
- ✓ Build <u>relationships</u> for a purpose.

 In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?'
- ✓ Share the <u>miracles</u> that God has done in your life.

Then you can tell them, '...

the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.'

✓ Invite & <u>bring</u> people into a family that lasts forever.

These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever."

2. Private Build Site: In the River

Joshua 4:9 NLT

Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing.

- ✓ Build your relationship with the LORD on purpose.
- ✓ Get into His <u>presence</u>.

 at the place where the priests who carried the <u>Ark of the Covenant</u>.
- √ Thank Him...Praise Him...Communicate with Him (Prayer)
- ✓ Know His Word...Obey Him.

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