

# The Life Challenge

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

**Series:** Step In  
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## WARM-UP

Can you tell a good story to the group about your own forgetfulness?

## DISCUSSION

This story is the final act of Israel "stepping in" to God's promise to their father, Abraham. The first thing Joshua instructed them to do in their new homeland was to worship God by erecting a memorial of stones. The meaning of the Hebrew word for memorial (v. 7) is "to remember." Given humanity's propensity to forget, it is little wonder then that memorials have frequently played an important role in biblical history. At the foot of Mt. Sinai, Moses built an altar of stones to remember God's covenant with Israel (Exodus 12:14). Now in today's story we see the people erecting a memorial to remember God's faithfulness in bringing them to the promised land.

1. Discuss Moses' final warning to Israel just before they crossed the Jordan River into the Promised homeland, "be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." (Deuteronomy 6:12)
  - What are the pathways that lead to forgetting the Lord?
  - What are the consequences of forgetting the Lord?
  - What things have you learned to help you to remember the Lord and what he has done?
2. If you were a worshipper with the South Abbotsford family on Thanksgiving, you were invited to participate in the memorial Lord's Supper and using stones to build a memorial to remember God. Perhaps you were away, but today you can all share with the group a part of your story that builds this memorial to remember God:
  - **Remember what God has delivered you from** - name the amazing salvation and freedom that God has won for you in Christ.
  - **Remember what God has taken you through** - tell the remarkable story of what God has done to show his goodness and faithfulness to you this year.
  - **Remember what God is taking you to** - share the incredible promise that God has given to you for your encouragement, hope, and joy for the next steps.
3. As you pray blessing and support for each other today, would you continue a commitment to pray this prayer everyday?: "My Father in heaven, I ask you to move powerfully to awaken my life, our church, and this community and country. We have heard what you have done before us. Would you do it among us again?"