

10-30-16 Message
Spiritual Markers
Unit 6 Day 4 of Experiencing God

Introduction:

- Ways that help us remember significant events
 1. H_____ markers
 2. P_____ album
 3. M_____
- What about marking significant spiritual events in your life or the life of your church?

The biblical basis for spiritual markers

- Several examples are given in the Old Testament
 1. Joshua 4:1-7: _____ stones marked the parting of the Jordan River in Israel's march into the Promised Land.
 2. Genesis 28:10-20: Jacob used a stone to mark the place where he f_____ encountered God.
 3. Genesis 32:24-30: Jacob marked the memory of wrestling with God by calling the place Peniel, meaning "f_____ of God." (1000 years later still remembered – I Kgs 12:25)
 4. I Sam 7:12 – Samuel made a memorial out of a stone and called it Ebenezer, meaning "stone of h_____ " as a way of remembering God's help in conquering Philistines.
 5. Genesis 8:20: Noah, after exiting the ark, built an a_____ to the Lord. (Abraham, Isaac, Moses, and Gideon also built altars - Gen 13:4; 26:24,25; Ex 17:15; Jdg 6:22-24).
- Some New Testament examples
 1. M_____ reports (Acts 14:27)
 2. Book of A_____ is a written record
- Why record our experiences with God?
 1. Because we have a tendency to f_____
 2. So that we can s_____ with others (Jdg 2:10)
 3. We can better see how God is working over a period of time.

The practical recording of spiritual markers

- How to make spiritual markers
 1. P_____
 2. N_____ or computer file
 3. ?_____
- Pastor Mike's spiritual markers (some)
 1. First encounter with the Lord (1972)
 2. Movement of the masses by the Holy Spirit (1973-76)
 3. God's call to the pastorate (1978)
 4. Life partner totally sold out to Jesus Christ came into my life by no doing of my own (1979)
 5. Pastoral call to Caro (1984)
 6. Two year depression lifted through a community men's Bible study (1992)
 7. The salvation of our kids (1994 & 2000)
 8. The healing of a heart condition that U of M said would take multiple surgeries to correct. It took one surgery (2016).
- LBC's spiritual markers (some)
 1. Driven to deep prayer one Sunday morning, agonizing for God to use message to save – two visiting teenagers accepted Christ (2005).
 2. Ministering to a person who suddenly started remembering things from her past (multiple personalities became integrated into one) - 1998

3. Without solicitation, Jessica was given money from several church people that paid for her trip to see her dad. - 2016

Conclusion: Using spiritual markers

- 1) I not only know that God can h_____ any disease, I have experienced it. Let me tell you what happened....
- 2) I not only know that God is our c_____, I have experienced it. Let me tell you what happened...
- 3) I not only know that God is my p_____, I have experienced it. Let me tell you what happened...

Start recording what you can remember and continue recording as you experience God!