

Leaving a Mark

We live in an information age. We have amazing resources that make communication easy and far-flung. Computers offer us email and access to the World Wide Web. Smart phones provide a variety of services that could never be imagined years ago.

Short-term memory or instant recall comes easily with data storage devices. In fact, we are often overwhelmed with information.



But the more we are bombarded with information, the less likely we'll gather its meaning. What is often lacking in the media is the true significance of the event or situation.

In the fourth chapter of the Book of Joshua, the people of Israel had completed 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, and had just finished crossing the Jordan River to enter and conquer the promised land. God told Joshua, the leader who succeeded Moses, to take 12 rocks from the middle of the river, from where the priests stood, and carry them and put them down “where you stay tonight.”

Joshua told the people, “In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these rocks mean?’ Tell them the water stopped flowing in the Jordan when the Ark of Agreement with the Lord crossed the river. These rocks will always remind the Israelites of this.”

Many of us have memorabilia to which we attach significant meaning. It could be a grandmother’s Bible, a plate or serving bowl, a tool, or a letter yellowed with age.

The question for us is: What kind of meaningful mark will we leave? Will our mark be easily interpreted by those who follow as a declaration of the miracle of God in our lives? Will it be an investment made in the lives of others?

– Beecher Hunter