KEEP YOUR RIVER STONES CLOSE

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MUSIC SHEET

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"Our soul waits for the LORD; He *is* our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You." – Psalm 33

Joshua 4:6-7 "...that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, *'What do these stones mean to you?'* 7 Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. **And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever**."

CHORUS

Keep your Jordan River stones close so you'll always know: No matter what comes, about what God's already done to save you.

Keep your River Crossing stones close to

fight fears by remembering, You have HOPE: The

LORD Who saved you before, will save ALL who honor Him.

1

It was God Who told Joshua, "Go get 12 stones fom the River you're crossing." God told them – see Chapter 4 –

that these stones forever would give them memory of what God did to save His people..... God who does NOT change. See Psalm 33.

2

They knew God had led Moses to uge Israelites, "Go cross that Red Sea." Then in stone – see Exodus 20 -

God reminded them when He'll keep them Safely, of

what God STILL does to save His people, those who honor Him. See Psalm 33.

3

They kept stones. Let US keep our Lists of all God has done through our own history! List prayer answers. Like River stones,

so you won't forget all the times God kept you Safely. Keep "River stones" as your reminder, God <u>WILL SAVE</u> you in each new Trial. See Psalm 33.

God's Continuing Story. Joshua 3: 9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God." 10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* He will without fail drive out from before you [those who fight you]: 12 ... take for yourselves 12 men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. 13 ... as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, (see next page)

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the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

Joshua 4: 1 And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: 2 "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, 3 and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.'"

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' 7 Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."

– Psalm 33

"No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. 17 A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, 19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name."

Song Story. I've been saving stones from music festivals and other special places.... plain old stones found on the ground plus a few specially bought crystal geodes, for years... Since long before I realized this story was in God's Bible of TWELVE STONES (early in Book of Joshua)..... Why? To remember happy times.

To remember days of 24/7 fellowship with LORD God at music festivals...

To remember some of the scary things that God brought me through, including some horrific storms that ALL of us were save from – like that "Derecho" in Pennsylvania for the CREATION EAST music festival On the night of June 29-30, 2012.... The storm *literally* split and tornadic- fast winds raced on EACH side of the campground full of tents, poor shelter in a storm in the middle of farmlands. *NO* injuries or major damage despite about 20,000 people camped there....

STONES... God's reminders of all He HAS done, all He still WILL do when we who honor Him ask.... And JOURNALS of prayer answers give us comfort as we remember what we'd forgotten over the years – all God's Many Blessings. Keeping a record gives us a way to remember and THANK HIM AGAIN.....

Keep YOUR "River Stones" close. – DianaDee. :)