

# KEEP YOUR RIVER STONES CLOSE

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## LYRICS

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## CHORUS 1

Keep your Jordan River stones close.  
Put your Keepsake memory stones close, to remember  
*WHEN* God saved you -- AND no matter what troubles come,  
Think on what God's done. TRUST God Who's saved you.

## BRIDGE

Fight fears by rememb'ring what God's done.  
Keep a list of prayer answers as Mem'ry Stones.  
Keep them close in your Heart and Mind. And trust the LORD.  
(REPEAT)

## VERSE 1

It was God Who told Joshua,  
*"Go get twelve stones from 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.  
Find HOPE ... in Psalm 33.

## VERSE 2

They knew God had led Moses to tell Israelites,  
*"GO cross that Red Sea."*  
Then in stone -- see Exodus 20 --  
God reminded them when He brought them to Safety!  
That's what God STILL does to save His people --  
Those who honor Him. Find PEACE ... in Psalm 33.

## SPOKEN WORDS 1

Psalm 33:  
*"Our soul waits for the LORD YHWH;  
He is our help and our shield."*  
For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in Him."

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## VERSE 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 has kept you safe!

Keep "River stones" to remind you, God will Save YOU in ev'ry Trial.

Find JOY ... in Psalm 33.

## SPOKEN WORDS 2

In Joshua 4, after God divided the Jordan River and His People of Israel walked on dry land to cross into His Promised land, God told the men to select 12 huge stones from the river bottom To take with them.

God said these stones "are a sign among you.

When your children ask in time to come, saying,

'What do these stones mean?'" then you shall answer:

*They remind of us the time that God divided the Jordan River*

*So that we could cross on dry land.*

*These stones shall a memorial for Israel FOREVER.*

There are many KINDS of Memory stones to

Remind us of God -- and of what He did.

Including Lists of God's Prayers answers that we read Over and Over.

## CHORUS 2

Keep your River Crossing stones close.

That was God's Way to remind His People:

He'd ALREADY come and saved them -

SO no matter what attacks you,

Know that God comes through. TRUST God Who's saved you.

(BRIDGE 2X)

## SPOKEN WORDS 3

Psalm 33:

*"Our soul waits for the LORD YHWH;*

*He is our help and our shield."*

For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in Him."

Our Memorial Stones including Prayer Answer Lists REMIND US:

God HAS & always WILL save those who **Honor** Him.

**FULL SCRIPTURES and SONG STORY Bible Study on the following page.**

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## 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 <DIVIDED to make DRY LAND to WALK on>, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

### **KEEP YOUR RIVER STONES CLOSE AS A SIGN TO REMEMBER:**

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 < thus HEAVY, BIG! >**, 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.**"

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## 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. Like driving 14 hours thru NC and TN mountains on trip to AL, talking with God all the way-- incl. at Cherokee camp ground in 2011.... and days of 24/7 fellowship with LORD God at music festivals. ....

**AND To remember some of the scary things that God brought me through,** including saving me from Day of TORNADOs two 2 days after Cherokee;.. and horrific storms that ALL of us were saved 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 humbly ask.... 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..... the REF note on page #1 shows that this song was written in my **Journal Number 32** that started in year **2000**....

**Keep YOUR "River Stones" -- and JOURNALS about God -- close. –DianaDee. :)**

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