

## No Greater Love

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"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Memorial Day in the United States is CORPORATE REMEMBRANCE.

Jesus asks us to perform an act of remembrance of his "great love" for us

And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." **20** And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood." Luke 22:19 & 20

Acknowledge the importance of remembrance:

So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them, "[a]Cross again to the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel. 6 [b]Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' 7 then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever." Joshua 4:4-7

Then Moses said, "This is [a]what the Lord has commanded, 'Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread that I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" Exodus 16:32

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"Someday soon, perhaps in forty years, there will be no one alive who has ever known me. That's when I will be truly dead – when I exist in no one's memory. I thought a lot about how someone very old is the last living individual to have known some person or cluster of people. When that person dies, the whole cluster dies too, vanishes from the living memory. I wonder who that person will be for me? Whose death will make me truly dead?"

And the cost of not remembering:

Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred and ten. **9** And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. **10** All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; *and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.* Judges 2:8

Is there a Joshua in your family?

Personalize remembrance:

Ask YOUR PARENTS.

Teach YOUR CHILDREN.