

Trustful is who He is



- God did not teach His people to celebrate failure or defeat.
- His people never made memorials to lost battles.
- God wants His people to celebrate victory.
- God wants His people to remember His faithfulness.



- Why?
- Because if we lose sight of Him and all that He is doing, we're in danger of missing, or losing, what He's doing.



- How should we respond:
- Ex 15:1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: “I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider, He has thrown into the sea!
- They sang of God’s great Victory
- Ex. 17:14-15 <sup>14</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.” <sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner
- God said, “Remember this day.”



- **Joshua 4** And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: <sup>2</sup> “Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, <sup>3</sup> 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.’”
- <sup>6</sup> that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones *mean* to you?’ <sup>7</sup> 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.”
- God said, “Remember what I did this day.”



- More Examples:
- The 7 Hebrew feasts were all in celebration of His works and faithfulness.
- Communion is a memorial to the finished work on the Cross.



- **Yet, while God was doing so much, this happened:**
- Ex 15 <sup>24</sup> And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”
- Ex 16 <sup>2</sup> Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”
- Ex 17 <sup>3</sup> And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”



- Let's think about this...
- God wants us to remember victory and His faithfulness
- Why? So we won't fall into the trap of murmuring and losing sight of Him.
- So He gives us this most grand example in the Bible of the Jews in the OT.
- Why?
- Because if it happened to them, it can happen to me too.





- How should I respond to this truth?
- Psalm 37 Do not fret because of evildoers,  
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.  
<sup>2</sup> For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,  
And wither as the green herb. <sup>3</sup> **Trust in the LORD, and  
do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His  
faithfulness.**



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