



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES



Milestones are constructed to provide reference points along the road. This can be used to reassure travellers that the proper path is being followed, and to indicate either distance travelled or the remaining distance to a destination.

Genesis 9 "12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

Genesis 22 "Now 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Where they have been.

What God has accomplished.

A message about their past, a miracle of the present, and a message for the future.

This isn't about letting tradition dictate your future, but rather to help us understand that our God is a living GOD. He isn't static, or temporary, or partial in a generation, but living and active. And that likewise our journeys are moving forward

Joshua 4 When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2 "Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. 3 Tell them, 'Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.'"

4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. 5 He told them, "Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. 6 We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7 Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever."

8 So the men did as Joshua had commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, one for each tribe, just as the Lord had told Joshua. They carried them to the place where they camped for the night and constructed the memorial there.

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
2
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
3
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever:
4
to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
5
to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
6
to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
7
to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
8
the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
9
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
10
to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
11
and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
12
with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
13
to him who divided the Red Sea in two,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
14
and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
15
but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
16
to him who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
17
to him who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
18
and killed mighty kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
19
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
20
and Og, king of Bashan,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
21
and gave their land as a heritage,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
22
a heritage to Israel his servant,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
23
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
24
and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
25
he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
26
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Luke 22 "17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**You don't see
milestones if you're
not moving.**

Jesus sets up a sacrament - so that we will remember. so that we will celebrate. so that we can rejoice.

**Spiritual
Development
Milestones**

**Not static goals, but
genuine steps in a
living relationship.**

**You are in a divine
relationship with a
living God.**

**Photos. Markers.
Memories. Celebrations.
Triumphs. History.**

**Personal, Spiritual,
Discipleship, Active,
Faith, Forward**

EXAMPLES
Teach me about...
Let me learn about...
I'm challenged to...

Prayer - This year, I want to learn how to pray for people. I want to develop that heart.
Teach me how to pray for my children, for my friends, for my family.
Teach me how to understand the Bible - to face those questions
I'm challenged to share with my coworkers about my relationship with God.
Teach me how to trust you with my finances
Let me learn about dealing with my past
I'm challenged to go on a mission this year

[Jesus' Teaching on Prayer] One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

You can set a time scale on it. You don't have to.



**Shared memories,
shared joy,
shared struggles,
collaborative prayer**

Spiritual Development Milestones - there is added value to these when you put them into a lifegroup setting. You have brothers and sisters sharing with you on the journey. You have them praying and encouraging you. You have other people to talk to about it. You collaborate on ideas -- You share in the struggle and you share in the joy.

We see this throughout the Bible - community sharing in the joy, community sharing in the struggles.

Acts -- Rhoda and Peter

12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. 13 Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

15 "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

16 But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

17 Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

**What Spiritual
Development
Milestone is God
challenging you with?**