

BUILDING THE RIGHT MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS ARE A PART OF OUR HISTORY AND FUTURE

- ❖ **Memorials today**
 - ◆ Anything especially a structure established to remind of a person or event
- ❖ **Memorials in the Bible**
 - ◆ Were typically altars or pillars
- ❖ **Memorials in our life today**
 - ◆ Not physical monuments - but places that we remember
 - ◆ Too often we build memorials to the wrong things
 - ◆ What we choose to remember and dwell on determines the memorial we build
(Lamentations 3:20-23 NKJV)

BUILDING A MEMORIAL IN A HARD PLACE

- ❖ **Jacob was in a difficult spot** *(Genesis 28:10-15 NIV)*
 - ◆ Pretty much forced to leave his home
 - ◆ Traveling alone - lonely and dangerous
- ❖ **God meets him at the hard place**
 - ◆ He has an amazing dream
 - ◆ God gives him some powerful promises
- ❖ **Jacob does not dismiss the dream** *(Genesis 28:16-22 NIV)*
 - ◆ He builds a memorial to God
 - ◆ He makes a promise to God

BUILDING THE RIGHT MEMORIALS IN YOUR LIFE

- ❖ **Abandon the memorials of mourning - the places of mistakes, hurts, misses and failures**
 - ◆ In your thoughts / memories - if it is not helping you it's hurting you *(Philippians 4:8 NIV)*
- ❖ **Build thought memorials in your life - intentionally around two key areas**
 - ◆ What God has done for you
 - ◆ What God has promised you
- ❖ **As you remember - rejoice**
 - ◆ Giving thanks and praise to God is an often repeated theme in scripture
(Hebrews 13:15 NKJV)