

Remember the Time



Joshua 4:1-7

New Year's resolution

What I expected...



Close enough



This is the end

2017 is about to be history

I'm not here to talk about resolutions

New Year

New You

I want you to carry something with
you into 2018

Main Idea



What God has done is the
fuel for what God will do

Joshua 4 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³ and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” ⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe.

Joshua 4: ⁵ And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, ⁶ that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ ⁷ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

Time for throwback Thursday

When Israel crossed the Jordan
God parted the waters

God told them to set up stones

So they wouldn't forget what He
had done

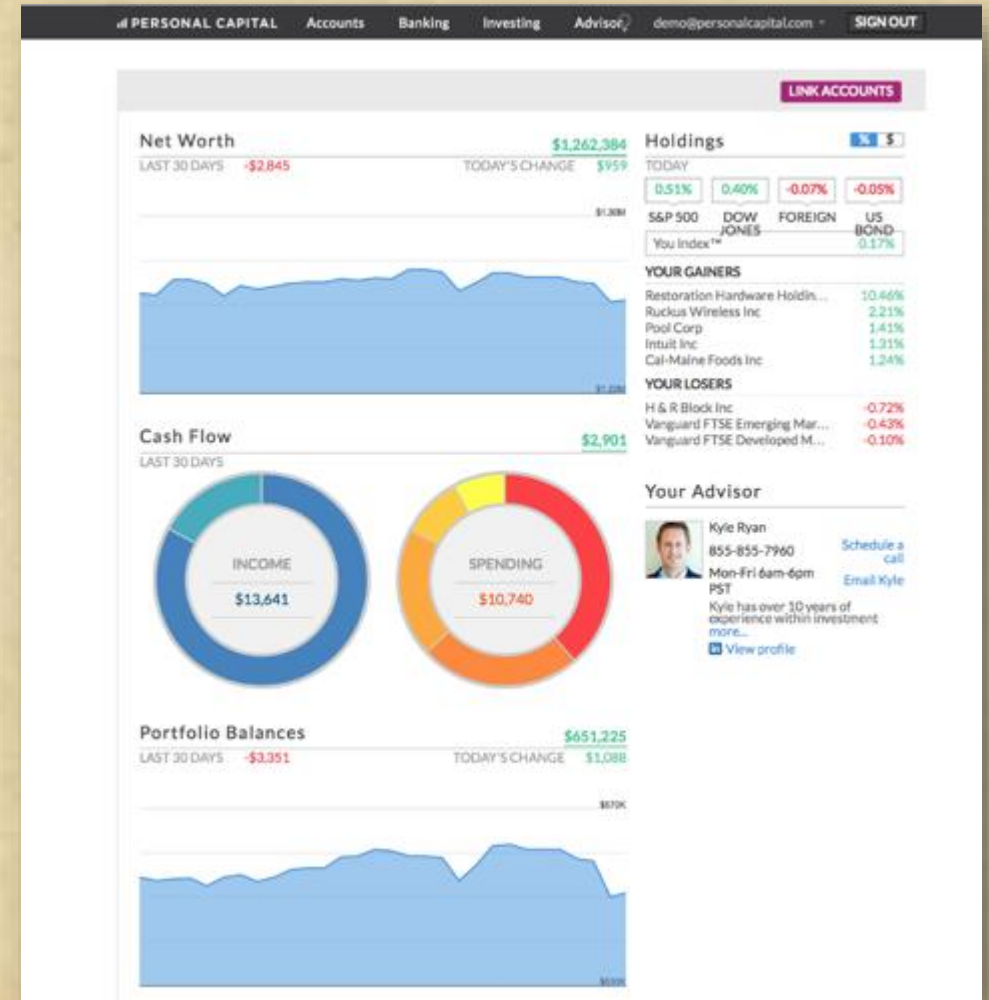
Their past was a part of their
PROCESS



The significance of the stone

Shows what God has done
Reminds us of our balance with
God

Let us know
If He did it before
He can do it again



What stones do you need to set up?

As we look back

We saw God bring jobs

Save houses

Heal people

Deliver people

Grow our church



That's just the stuff we **COULD** see

You may think



Your stones are just pebbles

My 2017 didn't look so hot

No miracles

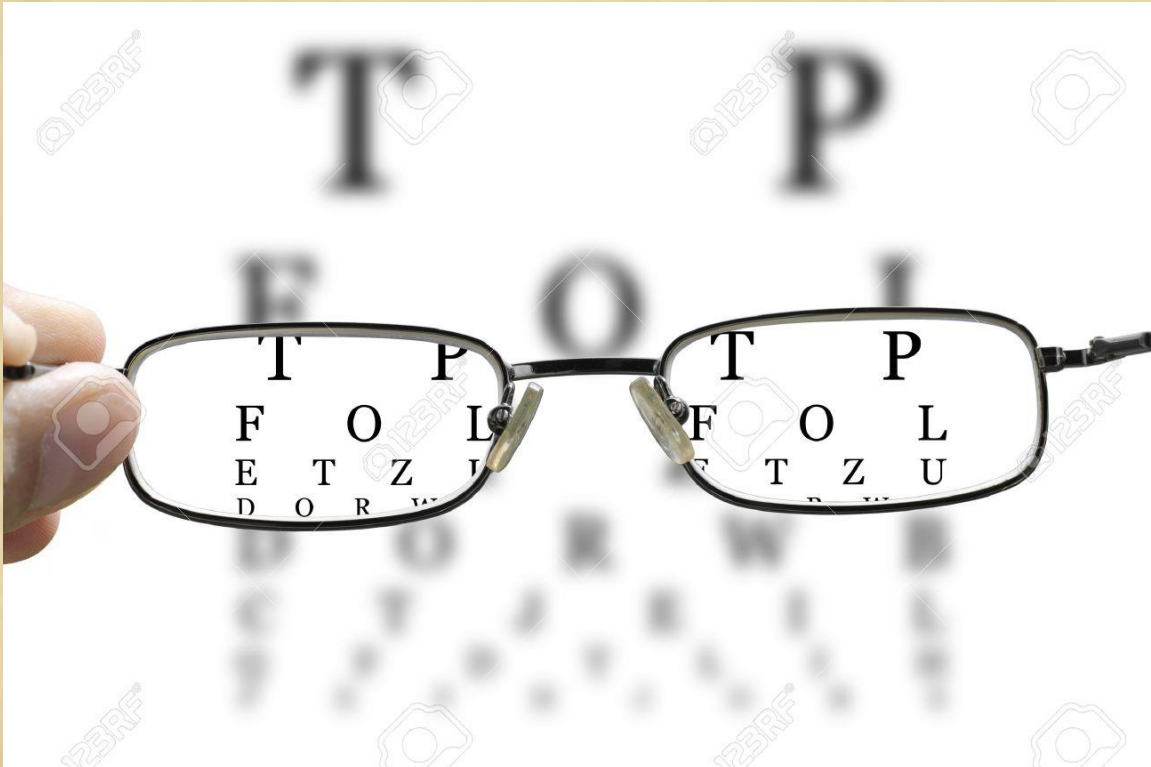
No blessings

Just rain

But you are still here

Rain is necessary for seeds to
grow

When our past is out of focus



Past mistakes
Torture us
Rather than teach us

We focus on the loss
Not the lesson

We forget what He has done

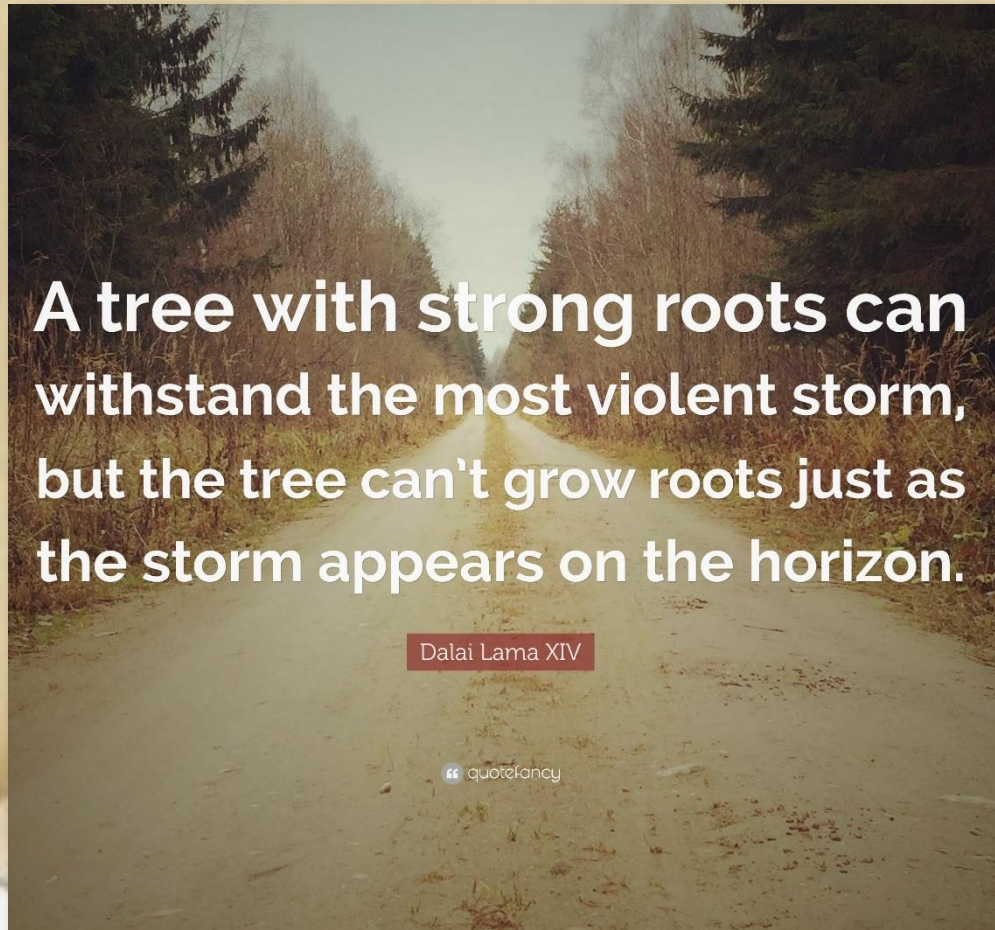
Get rooted

Without roots

Your success can't be sustained
Your storms will topple you

When 2018 storms come

REMINDER THE TIME



A tree with strong roots can withstand the most violent storm, but the tree can't grow roots just as the storm appears on the horizon.

Dalai Lama XIV

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