**2/11/24 Remember Not to Forget! (Deuteronomy 6:5-16; Joshua 4:19-24; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34)**

**A Moment in Black History!**

* Our country designates February as Black History Month, but we celebrate the heritage of those who truly helped to make America a world leader but were left out of the history books.
* The more our ancestors were oppressed, God sent the Holy Spirit to help them manifest the Fruit of the Spirit to become world changers.
* Carter G. Woodson and others formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, because he was convinced that Blacks were being ignored or misrepresented and saw the need to research the neglect to the past.
* Woodson started the celebration of Negro History Week in February 1926.
* The Black United Students and Black educators at Kent State University in Ohio expanded the celebration to an entire month beginning February 1, 1970.
* Books and publications by Woodson included the following: Journal of Negro History, The Education of the Negro Prior to 1861, A Century of Negro Migration (1918), The History of the Negro Church (1927), The Negro in Our History and The Mis-Education of the Negro.

**1. Remember not to forget our past history!**

* Those who do not remember their mistakes of the past will certainly repeat them.
* Moses told the people that they must love God first, then commit wholeheartedly to His Commands.
* They should repeat the Commands over and over to their children everywhere they go!
* The Jews wore phylacteries (little boxes) on the arms and around their heads.
* In order to maintain and keep religion in our hearts and houses,we must do at least 4-things.

**Philippians 3:13,14; Deuteronomy 6:5-16**

**2. God always provides us with examples.**

* To help the people remember the historic crossing of the Jordan, he had a memorial of stone built.
* If the children asked about the stones, they were told about how God miraculously dried up the river and allowed the people to cross, just like He dried up the Red Sea.
* The purpose of the miraculous crossing was that all the nations of the earth might know the power of the LORD, and that they might fear the LORD your God forever.

**Joshua 4:19-24**

**3. Jesus provides the Perfect Example**

* Before Jesus returned to heaven, He instituted a memorial meal, when celebrated, future generations of believers could remember His death until He comes back again!
* Jesus tells us to examine ourselves, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.
* Because of their unworthy eating and drinking, many were weak, sick and have died.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-34; John 19:30**