

PILE OF MEMORY STONES 2

The pile of memory stones set up by Joshua was to remind God's people of his faithfulness. (Joshua 4)

One of the stones in my own pile reminds me of many years ago when I was a university student. I had been a serious follower of Christ for a year. One day I received a devastating letter saying that the young woman I had for several years planned to marry was no longer interested. Weeks of struggle ensued; one hour I could trust in God's goodness, and the next I felt confusion and darkness.

I now see this was for me a time of what St. John of the Cross calls "the dark night of the soul." But it also was a time when my new faith grew by leaps and bounds, and I would not trade it for anything.

Three years later I met Win who became my wife, and I can affirm God's wisdom and faithfulness.



Coffee/tea thought: Do any of your memory stones remind you of God's faithfulness during a very dark time?

John

成堆的记忆石（2）

约书亚垒起那堆石头，为的是提醒上帝的子民，上帝是信实的。

在我自己成堆的记忆中，也有一块这样的石头。那时我还在念大学，信主一年，很热心。有一天收到一封信，是我交往多年，我都准备要娶的女孩写的。她说她不想跟我继续来往了。那时我天都塌了，好几个星期我的心翻来覆去。一会儿我会相信上帝是良善的，转眼却又怀疑，心里混乱不堪。

现在回想，那时候正是圣约翰在“十字架”书里所写的“灵里幽暗的黑夜”。可是也就在那段时间里，我信心跳跃式成长，那宝贵，我不想与任何东西交换。

三年后我遇见了后来成了我妻子的雯，我实在经历了上帝的智慧和信实。



随想：在你生命黑暗的时期，有没有什么石头让你想起上帝的信实？

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