

# THIS IS US

## MESSAGE GUIDE

This Is Us | Part 5 | "Celebrating"  
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**The purpose of celebrating is NOT to** brag about how great I am or use my victories to show off or make others feel inferior.

**The purpose of celebrating is to** express gratitude to God and reinforce that I know I can do whatever He has called me to do because He has been faithful in every battle I've faced so far.

### Why We Should Celebrate

\_\_\_\_\_ is hard, \_\_\_\_\_ is hard.  
See Psalm 77:1-10 NLT

**Celebrate God's** \_\_\_\_\_ **faithfulness.**  
See Psalm 77:11-20 NLT

**20** It was there at Gilgal that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River. **21** Then Joshua said to the Israelites, "In the future your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean?' **22** Then you can tell them, 'This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' **23**

For the LORD your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. **24** He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever."

**Joshua 4:20-24 NLT**

**Celebrate** \_\_\_\_\_.

**34** "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."  
**Matthew 6:34 NLT**

**Celebrate** \_\_\_\_\_, **not** \_\_\_\_\_.

**29** But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. **30** Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land."  
**Exodus 23:29,30 NIV**

**Celebrate the** \_\_\_\_\_ **with** \_\_\_\_\_.

**13** No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."  
**Philippians 3:13,14 NLT**

### Next Steps

- \_\_\_ I will accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.
- \_\_\_ I will celebrate \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ I will keep a "Proof Positive" list.
- \_\_\_ I will memorize Philippians 3:14.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN:

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