

Amazing Things Are In Store

Text: Joshua 3:1-5 (NIV)

3 Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. **2** After three days the officers went throughout the camp, **3** giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **4** Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits^[a] between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

5 Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”

God is able to do amazing things!

Psalms 86:8-10 (NIV)

8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

9 All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Amazing things will require us to buy-in

Buy In: acceptance of and willingness to actively support and participate in something.

Joshua made God's word his priority.

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Early Risers Scripture:

- Joshua "rose early in the morning" to heed God's specified instructions (**Josh. 6:12, 15**).
- Moses "rose early in the morning" to meet the Lord (**Ex. 34:4**).
- Samuel's parents, Elkanah and Hannah, "rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord" (**1 Sam. 1:19**).
- David "rose early in the morning" in order to obey his father's command to him (**1 Sam. 17:20**).
- Job made it his habit to "rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings" on behalf of his children (**Job 1:5**).
- Jesus rose "a long while before daylight...and prayed" (**Mark 1:35**).

Joshua waited on the Lord - Joshua 3:2

2 After three days the officers went throughout the camp,

Psalms 27:13-14 (NIV)

- ¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord

Joshua watched/focused on the Lord - Joshua 3:3

3 giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it.

4 Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits^[a] between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

Consecrate - *Purify yourselves*. Lit., “Make yourselves holy,” or “Separate yourselves.”

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Leviticus 20:7-8 - NLT

⁷ So set yourselves apart to be holy, for I am the Lord your God. ⁸ **Keep all my decrees** by **putting them into practice**, for I am the Lord who makes you holy.

Quote

“Every action you take is a vote for the person you wish to become. “
- James Clear - Atomic Habits

Quote

“You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine.”

— John C. Maxwell

Consecration gives us the opportunity to buy-in to the amazing things God has for us.