



ENTERING IN BY FAITH

Joshua 3:1-6 *“Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, **“As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” ⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” ⁶ And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.”***

I believe in faith that the Lord is allowing us to move into a season of building and harvesting of that which we have been laboring in secret for as we move into our 9th building location. As a result, it is important to remember the sacrifices of previous seasons and previous laborers who invested to bring us to where we are today.

- **Building One:** 1st Choice Women’s Centers (Thank you Alexis Hale)
- **Building Two:** Oasis Church Chapel (Thank you Jim & Debbie Mercer)
- **Building Three:** Doral Vineyard (Thank you Ralph & Cathy Gomez)
- **Building Four:** River of Life Church (Thank you Bill & Alicia Adkins)
- **Building Five:** Warehouse #1 (Dennis Calhoun)
- **Building Six:** Warehouse #2 (Seagis building)
- **Building Seven:** E.S.Y.F. Church (Thank you Eddie & Marcia Castillo)
- **Building Eight:** Warehouse #3 (Cristo Vive building)
- **Building Nine:** Cutler Bay Worship Center (Thank you Rob & Kelley Augi)

I. THE ASSIGNMENT IS STILL THE ASSIGNMENT

- A. Our assignment is to host God’s presence and follow Him faithfully. As we follow Him and carry His presence, we create access for others to walk into God’s Promised Land (promises).
- B. Our assignment is to walk humbly before the Lord in holiness and purity.
- C. The Altar—The Table—The Road
- D. God is on the move! As He moves, we move with Him.
- E. **Joshua 3:11** *Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.*

II. THE CRISIS OF FAITH

- A. What Moses labored for in his generation, Joshua was able to receive in his generation. We labor for more than ourselves. This is the calling of a Priesthood ministry. Whatever we labor for in our generation, those following behind us will have opportunity to receive.
- B. **Joshua 3:15** *...(for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest)*
- C. The Jordan River has been described in the harvest season as having as swift as 40 mile an hour waters, over-swelled banks, jungle-like plants & thickets growing around, and upwards of 12 feet deep waters.



There would have been many wild animals gathering its banks as well in search for food and water. This would have been an extremely intimidating sight.

- D. **Jordan** (Heb. 'yarden') "*the descender*;" (Arab. 'Nahr-esh-Sheriah') "*the watering-place*" the chief river of Palestine. It flows from north to south down a deep valley in the centre of the country. The name descender is significant of the fact that there is along its whole course a descent to its banks; or it may simply denote the rapidity with which it "descends" to the Dead Sea. (**Easton's Bible Dictionary**)
- E. In order to receive God's promises we must step **forward** in faith rather than shrinking **backward**.
- F. **Joshua 3:13** *And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."*
- G. Every one of God's promises requires our response of faith in order to receive them.
- H. **Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek (follow) Him.*

III. THE PROMISE IS FULFILLED

- A. **Joshua 3:17** *Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.*
- B. We will see the faithfulness of God fulfilled in us and through us in this new season. Amen!