

Lessons in the life of

JOSHUA

Faith > Fear



Part 4

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GILGAL MOMENTS

The Hebrew word abar עבר can be translated as "to pass over, cross, or go beyond"

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¹⁵ **It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks.** But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, ¹⁶ the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho." (Joshua 3:15-16)

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"He told them, "Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁶ **We will use these stones to build a memorial.** In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' ⁷ Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever." (Joshua 4:5-7)

"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 4:21-24)

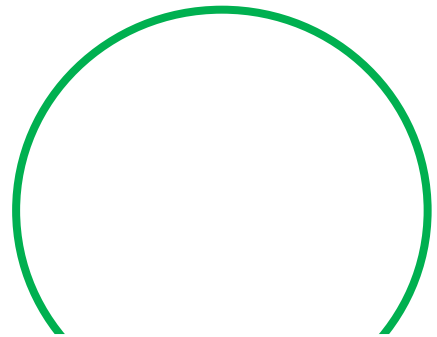
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"When all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings who lived along the Mediterranean coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan River so the people of Israel could cross, they lost heart and were paralyzed with fear because of them. At that time the LORD told Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israel-ites."
³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel. Joshua had to circumcise them because all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died in the wilderness. ⁵ Those who left Egypt had all been circumcised, but none of those born after the Exodus, during the years in the wilderness, had been circumcised. ⁶ The Israelites had traveled in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died. For they had disobeyed the LORD, and the LORD vowed he would not let them enter the land he had sworn to give us—a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So Joshua circumcised their sons—those who had grown up to take their fathers' places—for they had not been circumcised on the way to the Promised Land." (Joshua 5:1-7)

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"Then the LORD said to Joshua, **"Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt."** So that place has been called Gilgal to this day." (Joshua 5:9)

Circles of Restoration



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"While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month. ¹¹ The very next day they began to eat unleavened bread and roasted grain harvested from the land. ¹² No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan. (Joshua 5:10-12)