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**Joshua 3-4**  
**Crossing Into The Promised Land**  
**Sunday, 1/30/22 Pastor Stuart Fraser**

**I. Introduction: Joshua was encouraged by the report from the spies, so he brought Israel closer to the Jordan River, so that they could cross over into the Promised Land.**

**II. Crossing Into The Promised Land (Josh 3-4).**

**A. Preparation for God's Miracle (3:1-6).**

1. After hearing the spies' report, Joshua moved Israel to the banks of the Jordan in preparation to conquer Canaan, where God told them to consecrate themselves.

**B. Manifestation of God's Miracle (3:7-17).**

1. God dried up the Jordan so that the Israelites could pass over into the Promised Land, proving that He would be with Joshua like He was with Moses.

**C. Commemoration of God's Miracle (4:1-24).**

God commanded Israel to mark the crossing of the Jordan river by building a memorial in Gilgal and to remember this miraculous work of God.

**III. Conclusion: God miraculously brought Israel into Canaan to demonstrate His power to defeat the nations that they would face on the other side of the Jordan.**

## Study Questions: Crossing Into The Promised Land

1. What was the physical barrier separating the Jews and Canaan? How would Joshua get two million Jews across the raging river? When have you had to rely on God's promises?
2. What did Joshua do when he heard the report from the spies? (**Josh 3:1-6**) How long did they stay there? (**v. 2**) Why was the Jordan river dangerous to cross at springtime? (**Josh 3:15**)
3. What did God instruct the Jews to do? (**Josh 3:3-6**) Why did God tell them to "consecrate" themselves? (**Ex 19:10, 15**) Are you committed to following God no matter what?
4. How did God say that the people would know God was with Joshua? (**Josh 3:7-9**) Why was it critical for the people to believe this? (**vv. 10-13**) Do you believe in God's promises?
5. What did God do to the Jordan river? (**Josh 3:14-17**) Why did God bring Israel to the Jordan at its flood stage? (**v. 15**) How was this similar to the Red Sea crossing? (**Ex 14:13-31**)
6. How did God commemorate the crossing of the Jordan? (**Josh 4:1-24**) Where did they set up these stones? (**vv. 19-20**) What was God's instruction to the Jewish fathers? (**vv. 6-7, 21-24**)
7. What did God want the children of Israel to know? (**Josh 4:23-24**) Why is forgetfulness the enemy of faith? What has God told the church to commemorate? Why?
8. Why is it vital that we believe Yahweh can stop a raging river? How do we know that He can come through for us? Is God greater than our desires? The culture? The government?

### Prayer

1. Ask God to help you grow in your faith in His power and presence in your life.
2. Pray that God might do great things in your life and the lives of those who don't know Him.