

## **Outline: Joshua 3:1-3**

### **Crossing the Jordan PT 1**

#### **Introduction: God's Timing and Waiting**

#### **God is in Control**

- Not random unfolding but within divine boundaries
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1-11** - Appointed time for everything

#### **God's Timing is Purposeful**

- **Purpose:** His glory and our salvation
- **Psalm 31:15** - "My times are in Your hand"

#### **God's Timing is Divinely Orchestrated**

- **Daniel 2:21** - Changes times and epochs, removes and establishes kings

#### **The Human Response: Wait on His Timing**

#### **Don't Envy the Wicked**

- **Psalm 37:7-9** - Rest in the Lord and wait patiently
- Those who wait will inherit the land

#### **The Promise for Today**

- **Matthew 11:28-29** - Rest from guilt, anxiety, and shame
- **Philippians 3:20** - Our citizenship is in heaven

#### **Learning from Joshua: Wait Actively in Faith**

### **1. Prepare Proactively for God's Plan (Joshua 3:1-3)**

#### **Preparation is a Step of Faith**

#### **The Ark's Significance**

#### **Following God's Lead**

## **Our Preparation Today**

- Prayer (collective and individual)
- Discipleship
- Devotion
- Invitation

## **Dangers of Losing Focus**

- **Hebrews 3:13** - Encourage one another daily to avoid hardening by sin's deceitfulness

## **Nature of Preparation**

## **Joshua's Example**

### **Summary**

- Preparation of Joshua: act of faith
- Preparation of people: response to faith in leader and God's wisdom