



Joshua 2:22-3:5, *The spies went up into the hill country and stayed there three days. The men who were chasing them searched everywhere along the road, but they finally returned without success.* ²³ *Then the two spies came down from the hill country, crossed the Jordan River, and reported to Joshua all that had happened to them.* ²⁴ *“The LORD has given us the whole land,” they said, “for all the people in the land are terrified of us.”* ³ *Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing.* ² *Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp,* ³ *giving these instructions to the people: “When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD your God, move out from your positions and follow them.* ⁴ *Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don’t come any closer.”* ⁵ *Then Joshua told the people, “Purify*

yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.”

I. God expects us to leave the familiar. Joshua 2:22-3:5; Genesis 12:1

Genesis 12:1, *“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.’”*

1. Transformation Church, moving to Main Street in Lula is not just a location change. It is a faith shift.
2. God is not calling us to maintain something, He is calling us to multiply something.

Joshua 3:6-13, *In the morning Joshua said to the priests, “Lift up the Ark of the Covenant and lead the people across the river.” And so they started out and went ahead of the people.*

⁷ *The LORD told Joshua, “Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites. They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses.”* ⁸ *Give this command to the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: “When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river and stop there.”*

⁹ So Joshua told the Israelites, “Come and listen to what the LORD your God says. ¹⁰ Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites ahead of you. ¹¹ Look, the Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! ¹² Now choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ The priests will carry the Ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall.”

II. Crossing over happens when faith takes the first step. Joshua 3:6-13; Exodus 14:21

Exodus 14:21, “Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that *night*, turning the seabed into dry land.”

1. But God is saying: “Step... and I’ll make the way.”

Joshua 3:3, “When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them.”

III. Crossing over means carrying the presence of God. Joshua 3:3

1. The Ark represented:

- God’s **presence**
- God’s **power**
- God’s **leadership**

2. **Transformation Church**...We are not just moving buildings, we are carrying:

- The **presence** of God
- The **Spirit** of God
- The **mission** of God.

Joshua 4:6–7, “We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant went across.’”

IV. Crossing over is bigger than us. Joshua 4:6-7

Joshua 3:15–16, *“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, the water above that point began backing up a great distance away...”*

***We will know we didn’t just move locations. We stepped into TRANSFORMATION.**

***Every Sunday is SOMEBODY’S ONE DAY!**