

On Mission: Empowered for Outreach

Crossing Over: Faith, God's Faithfulness, and Remembrance (Joshua 3 – 4)

Mission: *“To serve as a beacon of God’s love, striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus, shining His light for all to see.”*

Introduction: *In the pages of Joshua chapters 3 and 4, we encounter a narrative of faith and divine intervention. The crossing of the Jordan River by the Israelites stands as a testament to God’s unwavering faithfulness and the call for us to step into the unknown with trust. Today, let us delve into this account, drawing insights that resonate with our own journey of faith and remembrance.*

I. Faith to Step into the Unknown (Joshua 3:1-17)

- A. God instructs Israel; despite uncertainty, they obey, demonstrating faith.
- B. Taking the first step in faith, trusting God’s guidance even in uncertainty.
- C. Trusting in God’s guidance when the path seems unclear.

II. God’s Faithfulness in Crossing (Joshua 3:17-4:1)

- A. Witnessing the miraculous parting of the Jordan River, showing God’s faithfulness.
- B. Reflecting on God’s promise to be with His people, fulfilled in crossing the Jordan.
- C. Remembering God’s unfailing faithfulness in our lives.

III. Living Testimonies of God’s Faithfulness and Stones of Remembrance (Joshua 4:2-9; 1 Peter 2:5)

- A. Recognizing ourselves as living stones, testifying to God’s faithfulness.
- B. The significance of the twelve stones as a reminder of God’s faithfulness.
- C. Understanding the importance of remembering God’s past faithfulness.
- D. Sharing our testimonies and establishing “stones of remembrance” to commemorate God’s faithfulness.

IV. God Exalts the Humble (Joshua 4:10-14; Philippians 2)

- A. Witnessing God’s promise fulfilled in exalting Joshua due to his humility and obedience.
- B. Emulating the humility of Christ and Joshua as a model for exaltation.
- C. Trusting in God’s timing, following the examples of Christ and Joshua.

Conclusion: *Let us remember the faithfulness of God as demonstrated in Joshua’s narrative. May we establish “stones of remembrance” in our lives and live as living testimonies to God’s faithfulness. As we navigate life’s challenges, let’s trust in God’s guidance, knowing that He remains faithful to His promises.*