



**CONQUERING
CANAAN**

LESSONS FROM LIFE OF JOSHUA



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03: STEPPING OUT ON FAITH



Genesis 12:6–7 (NLT) — “Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites. **7** Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, **‘I will give this land to your descendants.’** And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”

Genesis 15:18 (NLT) — “So **the LORD made a covenant with Abram** that day and said, ‘I have given this land to your descendants, all the way from the border of Egypt to the great Euphrates River...’”

Genesis 17:7–8 (NLT) — “I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. **This is the everlasting covenant:** I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. **8** And **I will give the entire land of Canaan,** where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. **It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.”**

Genesis 26:3–4 (NLT) — “Live here as a foreigner in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. **I hereby confirm that I will give all these lands to you and your descendants, just as I solemnly promised Abraham, your father.** **4** I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and **I will give them all these lands.** And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed.”

Genesis 28:13–14 (NLT) — “At the top of the stairway stood the LORD, and he said, ‘I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. **The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants.** **14** Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants.’”

Deuteronomy 1:6–8 (NLT) — “When we were at Mount Sinai, the LORD our God said to us, ‘You have stayed at this mountain long enough. **7 It is time to break camp and move on.**’”

**It is Time to Break
Camp and Move On!**



Deuteronomy 1:7b–8 (NLT) – “Go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all the neighboring regions—the Jordan Valley, the hill country, the western foothills, the Negev, and the coastal plain. **Go to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, and all the way to the great Euphrates River. 8 Look, I am giving all this land to you! Go in and occupy it, for it is the land the LORD swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and to all their descendants.”**

They Had to GO IN and POSSESS
the Land... But There Would Be
OPPOSTION



**Principles of FAITH Found
in Israel's Crossing of the
Jordan River:**



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1. It May Require That We WAIT

Joshua 3:1–2 (NLT) — “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...”

**Waiting Can
Be Difficult**



**It is NEVER About What WE
Can Do... It is ALWAYS About
What GOD is Able to Do**

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) — “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...”



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2. It Understands God Doesn't Always Work the Same

Joshua 3:2–4 (NLT) — “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 a half mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don’t come any closer.’”



They Would Now Follow the Ark of the Covenant



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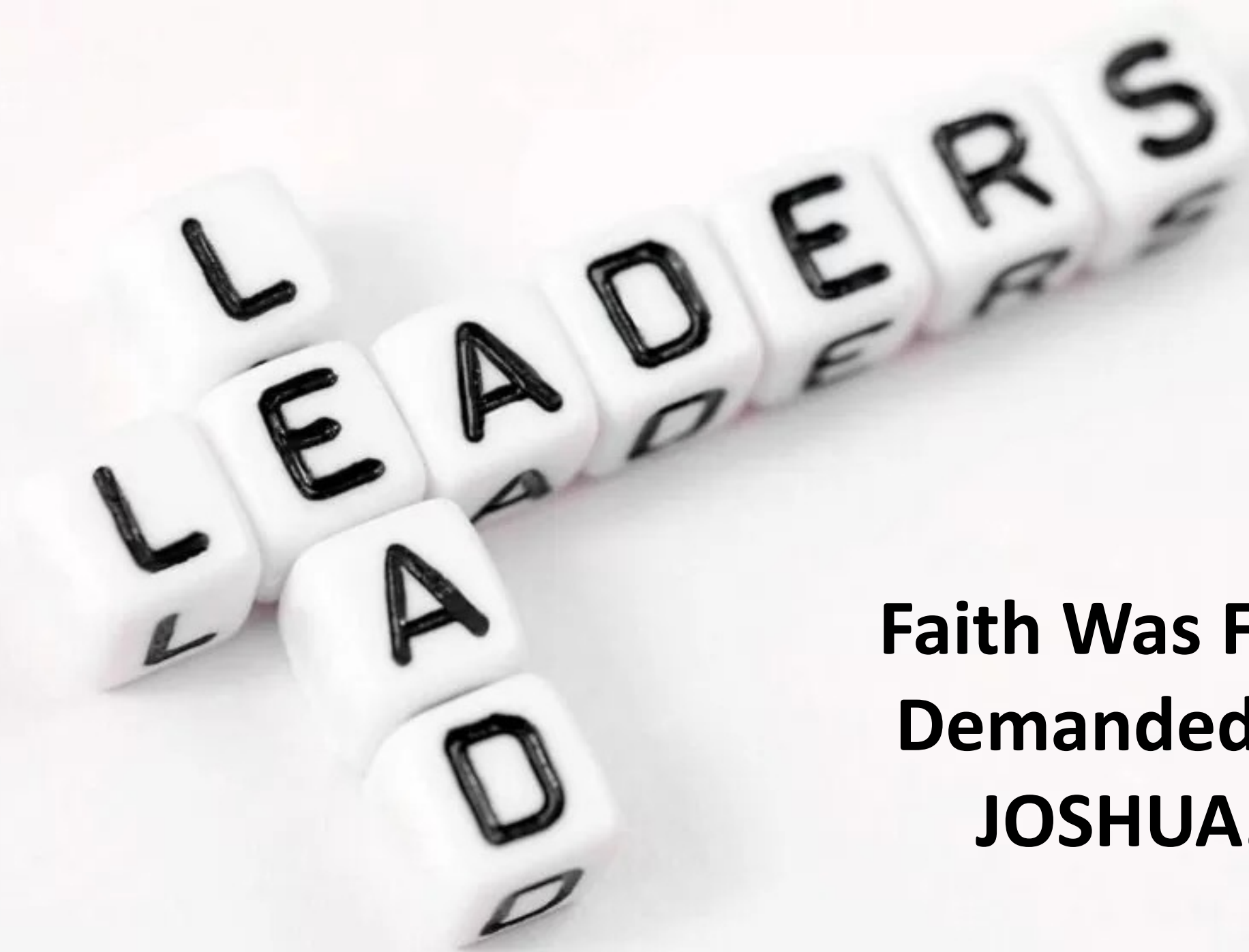
3. It Requires That We Are Willing to Step Out

“Then Joshua told the people, ‘**Purify yourselves**, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.’ **6** 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

Joshua 3:5-8 (NLT)

the Ark of the Covenant: ‘When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, **take a few steps into the river and stop there.**’”

Joshua 3:5-8 (NLT)



**Faith Was First
Demanded of
JOSHUA.**

Matthew 19:26 (NLT) — “Jesus looked at them intently and said, ‘Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But **with God everything is possible.**’”

James 2:17–18 (NKJV) — “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **18** But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works.**”

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“But then **I recall all you have done**, O LORD; **I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.** **12** They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works. **13** O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? **14** You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. **15** By your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Interlude **16 When the Red Sea saw you, O**

Psalm 77:11-20 (NLT)

God, its waters looked and trembled! The sea quaked to its very depths. **17** The clouds poured down rain; the thunder rumbled in the sky. Your arrows of lightning flashed. **18** Your thunder roared from the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world! The earth trembled and shook. **19 Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters— a pathway no one knew was there!** **20** You led your people along that road like a flock of sheep, with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds.”

Psalm 77:11-20 (NLT)

REMEMBER & REHEARSE

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) — “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”



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4. It Is An Opportunity That Can Be Rejected

“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

Joshua 3:9-13 (NLT)

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.”

Joshua 3:9-13 (NLT)



Joshua Didn't Use This to Exalt Himself Up

Joshua 2:10–11 (NLT) — “For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. **11** No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.”



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5. It Is An Opportunity for God to Show His Power

“So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. **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

Joshua 3:14-17 (NLT)

Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho. **17** Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD's Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.”

Joshua 3:14-17 (NLT)

**We Must Be Willing to Step
Out in Faith and Get Our
Feet Wet!**





Crossover Times in Life:

- **Out of Our Problems**



Crossover Times in Life:

- Out of Our Problems
- **Out of Age**



Crossover Times in Life:

- Out of Our Problems
- Out of Age
- **Spiritual Decisions**



Crossover Times in Life:

- Out of Our Problems
- Out of Age
- Spiritual Decisions
- **Death**

It is FAITH That Carries Us Through in Our Crossover Moments





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