

Joshua Part 2 HANDOUT

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When you have a group of men and women, whose hearts are given to the Lord, they are unstoppable.

JOSHUA 3:1 - ¹ Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over.

- Camp - Don't cross right away - God always has a plan

JOSHUA 3:2-3 - ² After three days the officers went throughout the camp, ³ giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it.

- The Ark crossing the Jordan was a picture of God of with us, His presence with us leading the way.

JOSHUA 3:4 - ⁴ Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it."

- Keep your eyes on me - there are things I have for you today, and you haven't been this way before.

JOSHUA 3:5 - ⁵ Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

- Consecrate yourselves - God will do something amazing

JOSHUA 3:6-11 - ⁶ Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people." So they took it up and went ahead of them.

⁷ And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. ⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you

and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.

- God is with Joshua in the same way He was with Moses

JOSHUA 3:12-13 ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

- Now, at the Jordan, they had to take a step of faith. Dip their feet in the water - STEP OF FAITH!

KEY: Faith is not believing in spite of the evidence, it is obeying in spite of the consequence.

JOSHUA 3:14-16 ¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

KEY: All you need to do to see God work powerfully in your life is take a step - put your feet in the river

JOSHUA 3:17 ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Just because God leads doesn't mean there won't be any challenges...Difficulty is not a sign that we went the wrong way, that we're not in God's plan, it's an opportunity to remember that God parted the waters and to trust Him as we walk forward in our lives

LIFE POINT: Take the step of Faith!