

GETTING YOUR FEET WET

Series: Where the Promise Becomes a Reality

Text: Joshua 3:14-17

Introduction:

- God had commissioned Joshua to take the Israelite people across the Jordan River into the Promised Land.
- Observations regarding the Israelite people who were ready to cross the Jordan River...

THEY SPIRITUALLY PREPARED THEMSELVES

- *Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you*"(3:5)
- The Lord working wonders/miracles among them was contingent on their consecration.
- How do we consecrate (purify) ourselves...become spiritually prepared?

1. We ask God to perform spiritual heart surgery.

Create in me a pure heart(Psalm 51:10)

2. Develop a positive attitude

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life..." Philipians 2:14-16.

3. Discipline your thought life

"Finally brethren whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely whatever is admirable – If anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Philipians 4:8

THEY GOT THEIR FEET WET

- *...as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.* Joshua 3:15,16
- Naaman was a leper. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "*Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed...* So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan River seven times as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy." Joshua 5:12,14

THEY GOT SOME STONES TOGETHER AS A REMINDER

- When God proves faithful... we need to build an altar of faith as a reminder for ourselves and future generations
- Joshua said that the purpose was, "*to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever*". Joshua 4:5-7