

## Crossing Over

**Read:** Joshua 3:1-17

**Main Idea:** Faithful obedience can lead to miraculous breakthroughs in our lives, signaling new beginnings and God's deliverance.

**Key Verses:** “And Joshua said to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.’ And the LORD said to Joshua, ‘Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you’” (3:3, 5).

### Key Principles

- God often gives us the next step before He reveals the full path, calling us to walk forward in obedience and faith.
- Getting our hearts right with God through repentance and surrender is essential preparation for witnessing His wonders, not an optional add-on we can skip.
- The presence of the Lord, not our ingenuity or strength, is what makes the difference when we face obstacles that look impossible.
- God often waits to act until our situation is humanly impossible, so that the glory unmistakably belongs to Him alone.
- Christ is our greater and better Ark, the very presence of God in flesh, who goes ahead of His people through the deep waters of judgment into the rest of God.
- God exalts faithful leaders not for their own sake but to assure his people he is with them, so we should let God establish our credibility rather than try to build our own.
- Each generation must intentionally pass down the memory of God's mighty works, or the next will face its own crossings without a framework of faith.

### Discussion

1. What does it look like in your life right now to consecrate yourself in anticipation of God's work, and how might neglecting this preparation hinder your experience of His wonders?
2. Why do you think God commonly waits to act until our circumstances appear humanly impossible, and where might He be doing that in your life today?
3. How do God's words to Joshua in verses 7–8 challenge the way we typically try to establish our own influence or credibility? What would it look like for you to let God exalt you on His timing rather than your own?
4. In what ways is Jesus the greater and better Ark of the covenant, and how does an awareness of His presence change your willingness to step into uncertain territory?
5. Where in Scripture or in your past has God already proven himself faithful to you, and how does remembering those crossings strengthen you for the one in front of you now?
6. Who in your life needs to hear what God has done for you, and how will you intentionally share that story with someone before our next gathering?

### Prayer

- Pray for hearts to step out in faithful obedience as God leads us into new territory.
- Pray for:
  - Our church to proclaim God's mighty acts with clarity and confidence.
  - Personal courage to consecrate ourselves and follow God's word without delay.
  - Lost neighbors and family who have not yet crossed from death to life in Christ.

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Joshua 3

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b><u>Prepare yourself for God's work.</u></b>  | <b>3:1-6</b>   |
| 1.          | <u>Respond</u> promptly to His <u>call</u> .    | 3:1-2          |
| 2.          | <u>Remain</u> focused on His <u>presence</u> .  | 3:3-4          |
| 3.          | <u>Robe</u> yourself in His <u>holiness</u> .   | 3:5-6          |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b><u>Plant yourself in God's word.</u></b>     | <b>3:7-13</b>  |
| 1.          | <u>Hear</u> His <u>assurance</u> .              | 3:7-8          |
| 2.          | <u>Heed</u> His <u>instruction</u> .            | 3:9-10         |
| 3.          | <u>Honor</u> His leadership.                    | 3:11-13        |
| <b>III.</b> | <b><u>Position yourself in God's power.</u></b> | <b>3:14-17</b> |
| 1.          | Step <u>forward</u> in <u>faith</u> .           | 3:14-15        |
| 2.          | Stand <u>firmly</u> in His <u>presence</u> .    | 3:16-17        |

NEXT WEEK:  
**Stones of Remembrance**  
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