

Stepping Into the Unknown: Faith in Action – Joshua 3

Trusting God When the Path is Unclear

Joshua and the Israelites stood at the edge of the Jordan River, knowing that crossing it meant stepping into God’s promises—but they had to do it in faith. Unlike the Red Sea crossing, where Moses stretched out his rod and the waters parted before they stepped in, this time God required them to step into the water first, before He made a way.

Personal Application:

- Am I willing to take a step of faith before I see the outcome?
- Do I trust that God is leading me even when things seem uncertain?
- Am I waiting for visible proof before obeying God’s direction?

Faith isn’t about waiting for everything to be in place before moving—it’s about trusting God enough to step forward, even when the way isn’t yet clear.

Preparing for God to Work

Before the miracle at the Jordan happened, Joshua told the people:

“Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” (Joshua 3:5)

They had to **prepare themselves spiritually** before they could witness God’s power.

Personal Application:

- Am I preparing my heart for what God wants to do?
- Do I remove distractions, sin, or fear that could keep me from stepping into His promises?
- Do I have a heart ready for God’s wonders, or am I stuck in doubt?

God’s miracles often come after we’ve prepared ourselves in faith. He is ready to work in our lives, but are we ready to receive it?

God Leads the Way, But We Must Follow

The Ark of the Covenant—which represented God’s presence—was carried ahead of the people. The Israelites were told to keep a respectful distance and follow where it led.

Personal Application:

- Am I letting God go before me, or am I rushing ahead with my own plans?
- Do I wait on His timing, or do I try to force things to happen on my own?
- Am I focused on God’s presence as I move forward, or am I distracted by my circumstances?

If I want to walk in victory, I must follow God's leading rather than trying to lead myself.

Faith Requires Action

The priests had to step into the water before the river stopped flowing. God did not stop the river while they stood on the shore; He acted only after they took the first step.

Personal Application:

- Am I waiting for God to act before I take a step of faith?
- Is there an area in my life where God is asking me to trust Him, but I'm afraid to step forward?
- Do I trust that God will hold me up when I step into the unknown?

Faith isn't about playing it safe—it's about stepping forward, even when we don't see how it will work out.

Key Truth: *Miracles happen when we move forward in obedience to God's word.*

The Jordan River Stood Still: A Testimony of God's Power

As soon as the priests stepped into the water, the river stopped flowing, and the Israelites crossed on dry ground. God made a way where there was no way.

Personal Application:

- Have I seen God come through for me in the past? Do I remember those moments?
- When I face challenges, do I remind myself of how God has provided before?
- Am I allowing my past experiences with God to build my faith for the future?

Just as God parted the Red Sea for their parents, He now stopped the Jordan River for them. This was their own personal testimony of God's faithfulness.

When God works in our lives, we must remember His faithfulness so we can trust Him for the future.

Final Takeaways: Trusting God in the Jordan Moments of Life

1. Faith requires action. God may ask us to step forward before He reveals the way.
2. Prepare for God's work. We need to spiritually prepare ourselves to see God's wonders.
3. God leads—we follow. The Ark of the Covenant led the way, just as God leads us today.
4. Miracles happen when we obey. God parted the waters after the priests stepped in.
5. Remember what God has done. Just as Israel crossed the Jordan, we must recall and share God's past faithfulness in our own lives.

Reflection Questions:

- What is my "Jordan River"—the challenge God is asking me to step into?
- Am I preparing myself spiritually for what God wants to do?
- Have I been waiting for a miracle when God is waiting for me to step forward?
- Do I remember past times when God has been faithful to me? How does that strengthen my faith?

Like the Israelites, we all have Jordan River moments—times when God calls us to step into the unknown. The question is: Will I trust Him enough to get my feet wet?