

JOSHUA | Crossing the Jordan | [Joshua 3](#)

Have you ever been asked to do something that felt impossible at the time? What was it? How did it turn out?

Read [Joshua 3:1-5](#). Joshua and the officers told the people they are to follow the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant because they “have never been this way before.” Who is someone that you have followed in some aspect of life (work, parenting, or marriage) because they know the way and are worth following?

In verse 5, Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.” In what ways do you feel the Lord has consecrated you or set you apart so that He can do amazing things with you? How could you ask the Lord to consecrate (purify, set apart, sanctify) you to be used by Him?

Read [Joshua 3:6-8](#). In these verses Joshua is clearly being elevated to a special leadership role by God. What is significant about the Lord elevating Joshua in leadership versus him elevating himself? In a culture of self-promotion, how do you wait on the Lord to “promote” you?

Read [Joshua 3:9-13](#). As Joshua speaks to the Israelites about crossing the Jordan, notice that his focus is primarily on the Lord, not on the plan or the people. How many times does Joshua refer to God in these verses? What titles does Joshua use when referring to the Lord? On whose strength is Joshua relying? What does this mean for us today?

Read [Joshua 3:14-17](#). These verses paint a beautiful picture of the crossing of the Jordan river at flood stage. What do you imagine the Israelites must have been thinking about the situation before the water rose up? How would you expect this miracle to impact the people in the years to come? What promises have you trusted the Lord for where He has proven faithful?

GOING DEEPER

One Bible commentator suggests the outline of [Joshua 3](#) can be seen as the people sanctified (verses 1-5), Joshua magnified (verses 6-8), the Lord glorified (verses 9-13), and the Word verified (verses 14-17).

Share about other Biblical stories of Moses and Jesus that follow this pattern of being set apart, being elevated in the people’s eyes, the Lord being glorified through their efforts, and God’s promises/ prophecies being fulfilled.

Anything extraordinary starts with a first step. Do you sense God asking you to take an obedient, courageous first step into something unknown?

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JOSHUA: Overview

An overview of the book of Joshua along with details about the Fellowship teaching series is available [online](#).

PRAY

Pray for global worker, Lisa, as she transitions to being back in country. Pray that God will provide her a place to live where the harvest is plenty.

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