



JOSHUA-Victory Through Faith-2

TEXT:

Joshua 3:1-5

1 A Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before." 5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

STATEMENT:

_____ can be difficult to bear, but when we _____ God, He rewards us with _____ we need. (Heb. 11:6)

GUIDANCE GIVEN:

1. _____ yourself.

Joshua 3:5

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2 Corinthians 7:1

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Wilderness thinking _____ God due to _____. It also _____ me.

GUIDANCE GIVEN:

2. _____ for real _____ to take place in your life.

Joshua 3:4b

...for you have not passed this way before."

Psalms 9:10

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

GUIDANCE GIVEN:

3. Keep your eyes on the movement of God's _____ to experience _____ around you.

Joshua 3:3-4

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Exodus 25:22

And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

2 Kings 19:15

And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: "Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Joshua 3:14-17

14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, 15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

When you follow God's presence your uncertainty changes to certainty, because:

You will find the source of your _____.

Reflection:

1. Is uncertainty causing worry and anxiety that pulls your attention away from God and His direction for your life?
2. How can you be determined every day to keep your eyes on the presence of the Lord and move when He moves?