

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

Facing Crossover Times

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Joshua 3:1-4

Crossing the Jordan River into the land of Canaan was a major turning point as far as the faith of the Israelites was concerned. Almost forty years earlier the children of Israel had faced a similar crisis, but they had failed. To slip away into the wilderness of Sinai by crossing the Red Sea required some faith. However, to invade the land of Canaan by crossing the Jordan River took a great deal more faith because, having once crossed the river, there would be no possibility of escape. Once in the land, they would have to face the enemy with their armies, chariots, and walled cities. The entire nation took this step together in complete commitment to God.

What is a crossover time? Some people call them the “peak” experiences, but they are times of transition often fraught with potential disaster. They are the times in life capsulated in the phrase “for you have not passed this way before.” Joshua 3:4

Crossover times must be faced:

1. _____ hesitation

“Then Joshua **rose early in the morning** and they **set out** from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.”

Joshua 3:1

2. With _____

“And they came **to the Jordan... At the end of three days** the officers went through the camp” Joshua 3:1-2

a. _____

b. _____

With clear direction

“and commanded the people, "As soon as you **see the ark of the covenant** of the LORD your God being **carried by the Levitical priests**, then you shall **set out from your place and follow it.**”

Joshua 3:3

- a. _____ in the Word of God.
- b. _____ leadership.
- c. _____ and faithfully follow.