

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

Actions For Crossover People

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Joshua 3:5-17

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.

Three specific instructions are given to the people of God waiting at the edge of the Jordan River. You can call these "action steps" which marked the lives of a crossover people who were open to God's leading. These action steps are:

1. _____ the LORD

"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

The ark of the covenant of the Lord contained

- a. _____ (The tablets of the Ten Commandments)
 - i. 1-4 are about our relationship with God
 - ii. 5-10 are about our relationship with one another

- b. _____ (Aaron, the High Priest's rod)
 - i. Resurrection
 - ii. Reproduction

c. _____ (A jar of manna)

- i. Sufficient
- ii. Satisfying
- iii. Sustaining

2. _____ yourselves

"Then Joshua said to the people, "**Consecrate yourselves**, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.'" Joshua 3:5

a. Live _____

b. _____ that is *different* from those who don't know God?

3. Follow _____

"Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. **And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan,** the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.'" Joshua 3:12-13

a. Those who follow courageous leadership are _____ (notice the order)

b. Being the *first* to place their feet in the waters reflects _____

c. _____ is to be an example for the people.