

Stepping Out On Faith!

Joshua 3:1-17

We discover some great principles about faith in Israel's crossing of the Jordan River.

I. FAITH MAY REQUIRE THAT WE WAIT **Joshua 3: 1-2**

1. Joshua orders the Israelites to move to the edge of the Jordan River and wait.

Those three days of waiting at the Jordan were days of preparation for crossing it.

2. As they waited, it became clear that crossing the Jordan River was impossible.

They knew that they were at the end of their resources!

Now, God would be able to show his power.

3. WITH FAITH -

It is never about what we can do, it is always about what God is able to do.

II. FAITH RECOGNIZES, SOMETIMES GOD CHOOSES TO WORK IN NEW WAYS

Joshua 3:2-4

1. When we face times of crisis or when we need direction in life;

We need to learn to be sensitive to the movement of the Lord in and around us.

2. If you are facing a raging Jordan today, it may be your river of opportunity.

III. FAITH MEANS THAT WE ARE WILLING TO STEP OUT **Joshua 3:5, 6**

1. Joshua's faith was based on God's direct statements and previous experience.

2. The Christian faith is based on a reliable and trustworthy worthy message.

3. They are to "cross over."

4. God's promise to work miraculously was dependent on the people's obedience.

IV. FAITH IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT CAN BE REJECTED **Joshua 3: 9-13**

God's destruction of the Canaanite civilization came only after repeated warnings.

From the Red Sea onward – for 40 years - the Canaanites had gotten the message.

Their lack of faith was not because a of lack of evidence: But in spite of it.

V. FAITH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S POWER

Joshua 3:14-17

1. The priests obeyed, step by step,

the river waters disappeared, and they were walking on dry ground.

2. The end result of the miraculous crossing of the Jordan River.

- a. God was magnified,

- b. The people were energized and motivated,

- c. The people of Canaan were terrorized.