"For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever."

Joshua 4:23-24



### **Continuing a Legacy**

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# IT TAKES A MOMENT Joshua 2-4

# I've got questions

Joshua 2

#### One woman's story

Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies...So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab..."I know the Lord has given you this land," she told them. "We are **all afraid** of you...For **we have heard** how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know...For the Lord **your God** is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below..." Joshua 2:1,9-11

## Faith changes a life

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him **must believe** that **God exists** and that he **rewards** those who **sincerely seek** him...It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. Hebrews 11:6,31

# The promised lifestyle

Joshua 3-4

Challenges: giants, fortified cities, superior technology, flood ...arrived at the banks of the Jordan River...It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks... Joshua 3:1,15

#### Follow God

..."When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out...and follow..." Joshua 3:3

#### Get your heart right

Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

# • Prepare to get your feet wet

"...'When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river...'" Joshua 3:8

# The promised lifestyle (cont.)

Joshua 3-4

#### Fear/faith decision

...water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall. Joshua 3:13

#### Faith...experience God's provision

...the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Lord's Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground. Joshua 3:17

#### **Build memories**

"... Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight." ... Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan... As soon as the priests carrying the Ark of the Lord's Covenant came up out of the riverbed... the water of the Jordan returned and overflowed its banks as before. Joshua 4:3,9,18

- When?
- Why?

..."In the future your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'This is where...' so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful..." Joshua 4:21,22,24

- Building my memories
  - It takes a moment to make a moment
  - It's your turn

The One Year Study Bible reading for September 16-22: Ezra 4-Malachi 2