

JOSHUA: *presence. courage. action.*

Where He Leads Me - Joshua 3:1-17

Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. - **Joshua 3:11**

I. SET APART FOR THE LORD (vss. 1-6)

- As the Israelites prepare to enter the land, they are called to consecrate themselves (Ex. 19:10-15; Ps. 4:3; Acts 13:2; 2 Cor. 6:17; 2 Tim. 2:21).
- Being “God’s people” does not negate the fact that a holy God is still holy and should be treated as such (vs. 4; Heb. 10:28-31; 1 Peter 1:13-21).

II. EXALTED BEFORE ALL ISRAEL (vss. 7-10)

- God will exalt Joshua as he exalted Moses, so that the people will know that God is leading through him (vs. 7; Ex. 14:31; Josh. 4:14).

III. PASSING OVER BEFORE YOU (vss. 11-17)

- God will lead, but the people must follow (vs. 11; Ex. 14:14; 2 Sam. 5:17-25; Isa. 52:11-12; Matt. 26:32).
- We are called to follow and obey the Lord. When we do so, he promises to be with us (Ps. 23:2; 27:14; Luke 17:14; 24:49).
- God’s will is that we be holy, that we be thankful, that we be sanctified, that we be willing to suffer, and that we follow

KNOW: We wait for God to go before us, and then we follow in obedience.

DO: Wait on the Lord, then follow where he leads.

Recommended Reading:

Just Do Something, by Kevin DeYoung (LifePoint Library call # 248 DEY)
Decision Making and the Will of God, by Gary Friesen

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Joshua chapter 3.

1. What were God’s directions to Joshua?
2. What do we consistently see Joshua doing in this book after God gives him directions?
3. Why did the Ark of the Covenant need to go before the people? What did it represent?
4. When did the waters of the Jordan cut off? What happened first before they did so (see verse 15)?