

The Days of

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Ready for His Moment



Faith in Unexpected Places



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Moving Forward in Faith

Joshua Chapters 3-5



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1) Preparing to follow God – 3:1-5.

Joshua 3:1-5

¹ Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from Shittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed.

**All verses from 1995 New American Standard*

Joshua 3:1-5

² At the end of three days the officers went through the midst of the camp;
³ and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

Joshua 3:1-5

⁴ However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.”

Joshua 3:1-5

⁵ Then Joshua said to the people,
“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow
the LORD will do wonders among you.”

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2) God stops the Jordan – 3:6-17.

Joshua 3:9-10

⁹ Then Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God.”

¹⁰ Joshua said, “By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite.

Joshua 3:13

¹³ It shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, *and* the waters which are flowing down from above will stand in one heap.”

Joshua 3:17

¹⁷ And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

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3) Setting up stones of
remembrance – 4:1-24.

Joshua 4:4-5

⁴ So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe;

Joshua 4:4-5

⁵ and Joshua said to them, “Cross again to the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

Joshua 4:9

⁹ Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day.

Joshua 4:20-24

²⁰ Those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.

Joshua 4:20-24

²¹ He said to the sons of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’

²² then you shall inform your children, saying, ‘Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.’

Joshua 4:20-24

²³ For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; ²⁴ that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

Joshua 4:14

¹⁴ On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; so that they revered him, just as they had revered Moses all the days of his life.

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4) Obedience at Gilgal – 5:1-9.

Joshua 5:1

¹ Now it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who *were* by the sea, heard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the sons of Israel.

Joshua 5:5

⁵ For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

Joshua 5:9

⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

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5) Passover, and no more manna –
5:10-12.

Joshua 5:10-12

¹⁰ While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho.

Joshua 5:10-12

¹¹ On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched *grain*.

Joshua 5:10-12

¹² The manna ceased on the day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year.

As You Move Forward



1) Trust and expect that God will
lead the way.

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2) Let God's past victories give you strength for the future.

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3) Commit to obey in the things
you have delayed.

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4) Look for God's new blessings
ahead of you.

May our faith
always move
us forward!

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God Commissions Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success¹ wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua Assumes Command

¹⁰And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, ¹¹"Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people. Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess."

¹²And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, ¹³"Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' ¹⁴Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock

shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, ¹⁵until the Lord gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

¹⁶And they answered Joshua, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and whenever you send us we will go. ¹⁷Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses! ¹⁸Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."

Rahab Hides the Spies

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent² two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ³And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ⁴Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁵But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁶And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out, I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁷But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁸So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁹Before the men³ lay down, she came up to them on the roof⁴ and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us,

¹Or may act wisely ²Or had sent ³Hebrew they ⁴Or on the wall