

Take Steps of Faith!
Momentum: Getting on Track With God!
Joshua 3
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Joshua 3:17, *The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.*

How Do You Take Steps of Faith?

1. You Need Clear INSTRUCTIONS

Joshua 3:2, *After three days the officers went throughout the camp, **3** giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **4** Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark...*

2. You Need to Consecrate YOURSELF

Joshua 3:5, *Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”*

Exodus 19:10, *And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and*

*tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes **11** and be ready...*

3. You Need to Listen to God's WORD

Joshua 3:9, *Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. **10** This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. **11** See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.*

4. You Need To Take ACTION

Joshua 3:14, *So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. **15** Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, **16** the water from upstream stopped flowing... So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.*

5. You Need to Celebrate Your VICTORY

Joshua 4:9, *Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.*

Joshua 4:20, *And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the*

Jordan. 21 He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' 23 For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

***2 Chronicles 16:9,** For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*