Joshua 4-6

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INTRODUCTION

- Remember then the first and second chapters, Joshua told them, three days, and we're going to leave, so prepare yourselves.
- Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan.

1 Follow the Ark, Not People

Joshua 3:3–4

- When you see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests and the Levites bearing it, then you shall set off from your place and go after it.
- So God is leading the charge. Remember, he said, I will conquer the land for you. He is now leading the way.
- It's staying far enough out in the mass that everybody can see where the leader is, and the leader is God, not the person in front of you.
- The leader is God, not the group around you. Follow the ark. Don't follow people, follow the ark.

2 Sanctify Yourselves

Joshua 3:5; 1 Samuel 16:5; 2 Chronicles 30:17

- Joshua said to the people, sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.
- Sacrifice is a means of approaching God. Sanctification is preparing yourselves to approach God.
- Prepare yourself, submit to the law, be clean according to the law so that you can approach God.
- Do we sanctify ourselves to prepare to approach God?

3 God Magnifies Joshua: As I Was With Moses

Joshua 3:7; Joshua 3:10; Joshua 3:12–13

- That they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
- Now it's different. People have to trust him instead of Moses. God begins to strengthen his role as a leader.
- So that when they see it happen, this is not just a lucky break. This is what God told us would happen.
- By this you shall know. That's why it's so important. Building their faith step by step.

4 What Do These Stones Mean? Remember

Deuteronomy 5:14

- This is going to be a sign, he says verse 6, among you, when your children ask in time to come, say what do these stones mean?

- They were designed to be seen, first and foremost, so that when their children said, Why are those stones piled up in the river? They could remind their children.
- When they wandered in the wilderness, he called them to remember what he had done. Over and over again. Remember.
- I think I need to remember his commandments. I need to remember what he wants from me.

5 Circumcision: Renewing the Covenant at Gilgal

Ezekiel 20:6–13

- You're not going to make yourself totally vulnerable like this without trusting in God.
- What is circumcision under the old law of Moses? It's sealing of the covenant. It's the seal of the covenant.
- It's time for you to renew the covenant. That's really what the circumcision is about.
- The Lord says to Joshua, this day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.

6 One Altar, One Path

Hosea 4:15

- It could have been that some were using it as an altar.
- God said, You shall have one altar. And that altar shall be in the place where I choose to place my name.
- Are there many paths to God? No. God says there's one altar. There's one path. Don't go up to Gilgal. Don't rebel against me.

MY NOTES