

"TO THE PROMISED LAND - PT. 11" (Joshua 3-5)

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REVIEW/INTRO: We're journeying with the people of God to the Promised Land (abundant life). It's time!!!

I. IT'S TIME TO CROSS YOUR JORDAN RIVER (Joshua 3)!

- A. Jordan the obstacle between you and the promise.
 - 1. What is your Jordan River? What's your next step?
- B. God's Divine Plan for Crossing your Jordan River (vv. 2-5).
 - 1. Follow the ark the presence of God, which will take you where you've not been before (vv. 2-4).
 - 2. Sanctify yourself your responsibility (v. 5; 2Cor. 7:1).
- C. Step into Your Jordan River (vv. 6-17)!
 - 1. You have to step in BEFORE the waters dry up!

II. IT'S TIME TO CREATE SOME MEMORIES (Joshua 4)!

- A. Twelve stones were used as a memorial for the next generation (vv. 6-7, 21-24).
- B. Let's pass on God stories to the next generation!
- C. When the people crossed over & the priests stepped out of the water the Jordan returned to the previous level.

III. IT'S TIME FOR A FRESH HEART CIRCUMCISION (5:1-10)!

- A. The new generation was to be circumcised.
- B. Under the new covenant circumcision is of the heart, not the flesh (Rom. 2:25-29; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11-12).

IV. IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DIET (Joshua 5:11-12)!

- A. When they ate the produce of Canaan the manna ceased.
- B. Often a new place in God will require a new diet.
- C. Is God calling you to a new spiritual diet?
- D. Do you need to ween off milk (1Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12-14)?
- E. Learn to feed yourself and not depend on others.

V. IT'S TIME TO STAND ON HOLY GROUND (Josh. 5:13-15)!

- A. God is on His own side!
- B. Get on God's side and God will be on your side!
 - 1. Are you on God's side of truth and moral issues?
 - 2. To get on God's side stand on holy ground!
- C. What is God saying to you, His servant?

CONCLUSION: It's time to cross your Jordan River! Take the first step – BEFORE the water dries up!