

The Key To Success

Part 2

It was time to move. The nation of Israel was about to go into their Promiseland that God had said was theirs some 40 years ago. But unbelief of the God's word kept an entire generation wandering in the desert and only their children would inherit the land.

Now it was time to go and the clock was three days. I love this quote from Warren Wiersbe about the book of Joshua: *the book of Joshua is about the victory of faith and the glory that comes to God when His people trust and obey. In the Christian life you are either an overcomer or your overcome, a victor or a victim. After all God did not save us to make statues out of us and put us on exhibition. He saved us to make soldiers out of us and move us forward by faith to claim our rich inheritance in Jesus Christ. What truth!!!*

Read Joshua 1:6-11, Joshua 3:1-17

1. God is always preparing us and making us into the image of Jesus Christ. He moves his people. Not for the sake of moving but for the sake of growing and proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

Read: Joshua 3:4-5

God told Joshua they had never been this way before.

Think about how they had to fully trust God and move by faith.

Faith never knows all the details, it trusts in God. Discuss how we live by faith and how God often takes us to places we've not been or walked through. I heard this saying recently: Faith is not thinking with your eyes!

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:7, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 119:105

Think about and discuss a time when you were not sure how God was leading you or where, but by faith you trusted God.

2. In verse 5 of Joshua 3 he orders the people to "consecrate" themselves or to "sanctify". The word sanctify means to set apart and make holy or sacred. Here are some New Testament verses that show that work was done by Christ's blood. We are now set apart, holy and sanctified by the finished work of the cross.

Read: John 17:13-19 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

3. God took the people of Israel across the Jordan at flood stage during harvest. Usually the Jordan was about 100 feet wide, but at flood stage it reached a mile in width. How would they cross? Once again, we see a miracle of God. He never does things our way or when it looks like perfect conditions.

Read: Isaiah 55:6-11

Please note verse 11 and that God's word will always accomplish what it is sent for.

Close your group with reading Joshua 1: 6-11 again and note: be strong and courageous.