



January Sermon Series

Lesson Three:

How to Get Past Your Jordan

Scripture references from Joshua chapters 3 and 4

For the believer, the Jordan River is symbolic regarding your place of transition from death to life, old to new, defeat to victory. What served as a border also represents a bridge to your new life.

**I. Moving Past Your Jordan
Involves Listening To God's
Voice.**

**They Were Challenged To Do
Three Important Things:**

1.WATCH GOD

Joshua 3:1-3, Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

2. FOLLOW GOD

Joshua 3:3, When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

**"leave your place and go after
Him."**

Following God may not be the easiest thing you will ever do, but it will be the best thing you ever do.

3. HONOR GOD

Joshua 3:4, Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed *this way* before.”

**Train your faith to see God turn
the invisible to the visible.**

**“God has a plan. Trust it. Live it.
Enjoy it.”**

Galatians 5:16, I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:25, If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

II Timothy 2:21, Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master, and prepared to do any good work.

**II. Three Things We Need To
Remember In Order To Experience
Victory When Crossing Our Jordan:**

Joshua 3:17, Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

**1. Learn To Face Your
Problem.**

“Don’t tell God you have a big problem. Tell your problem you have a big God.”

2. Learn To Follow God's Plan.

Ephesians 3:20, Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

3. Leave the Results to God.

**Faith Honors God And God
Honors Faith!**

**III. There Is Something Of Great
Importance We Must Do When
We Pass Over Our Jordan:**

They Built A Memorial.

**Joshua 4:5-9, And Joshua said to them:
“Cross over before the ark of the LORD your
God into the midst of the Jordan, and each
one of you take up a stone on his shoulder,
according to the number of the tribes of the
children of Israel, ⁶ that this may be a sign
among you when your children ask in time
to come, saying, ‘What do these
stones *mean* to you?’**

Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”

And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there. Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

The Purpose Of The Memorial

**We do not want to embalm the
past and by doing so cripple
the future.**

Two Pictures In The Memorial:

**1. A Picture Of The Faithfulness Of
God.**

**2. A Picture Of The Faith Of The
People.**

**Build A Monument In Your
Heart.**

“Victory is won not in miles but in inches. Win a little now, hold your ground, and later, win a little more.”