

Facing the Giants: Faith to Face Your Impossibilities

Joshua 3:1-17

1. We trust in _____ wisdom rather than in the Word of God.
2. We get a word from God and then go ask somebody what they think about it.
3. We hold onto _____ rather than truth.
4. Fear grips us at the moment of _____.
5. We focus on _____.
6. Just a total lack of _____.

Joshua 3:1-6

Joshua started early the next morning and left Acacia Grove with all the Israelites. They went as far as the Jordan and stayed there before crossing. After three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people:

“When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God carried by the Levitical priests, you must break camp and follow it. But keep a distance of about 1,000 yards between yourselves and the ark. Don’t go near it, so that you can see the way to go, for you haven’t traveled this way before.” Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, because the Lord will do wonders among you tomorrow.” Then he said to the priests, “Take the ark of the covenant and go on ahead of the people.” So they carried the ark of the covenant and went ahead of them. (HCSB)

How do we appropriate faith?

- P _____
- C _____

Joshua 3:13-17

When the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the Jordan’s waters, its waters will be cut off. The water flowing downstream will stand up in a mass.” When the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carried the ark of the covenant ahead of the people.

Now the Jordan overflows its banks throughout the harvest season. But as soon as the priests carrying the ark reached the Jordan, their feet touched the water at its edge and the water flowing downstream stood still, rising up in a mass that extended as far as Adam, a city next to Zarethan. The water flowing downstream into the Sea of the Arabah (the Dead Sea) was completely cut off, and the people crossed opposite Jericho. The priests carrying the ark of the Lord’s covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel crossed on dry ground until the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan. (HCSB)

How they crossed:

- They crossed at the _____ time.
- They crossed at an _____ time.
- The water was held in place until _____ crossed.

Now this is what the Lord says—the One who created you, Jacob, and the One who formed you, Israel “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.” “I will be with you when you pass through the waters, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. You will not be scorched when you walk through the fire, and the flame will not burn you.” (Isaiah 43:1-2 HCSB)

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