



Joshua

Part #6 –
Taking Jericho

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Introduction

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- And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you. – Joshua 3:5
- But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. – Galatians 3:23-26



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Keys

Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God – Joshua 3:9

- Joshua rose early in the morning
- Removed from Shittim
- When ye see!
- What to look for, when ye see!
- What you do, when ye see!
- When you move!
- Keep the distance in order to go the distance
- Don't get ahead of the plan, follow the plan
- Prepare yourself too!



In this lesson

Sight Language – Mind language – Voice Language – Body language!

Things:

- We must prepare
- We must know
- We must be ready
- We must rehearse
- We must understand
- We must remember
- When you move
- We must do



We must Prepare

And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.–
Joshua 3:1

- **Mind your body language**
- Joshua rose early in the morning
- Removed from Shittim (Going in the direction of the promise)
- Came to Jordan (This was that Jordan)
- Lodged there before passing over
- Pumped the people by way of remembrance – What they see



What we must know

And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. – Joshua 3:3

It is one thing to believe that you have a thing. It is entirely different thing to know that you have the thing.

- After three days – the officers had to present what the people ought to have known by now
- When ye see – What are your seeing right now?
- Are you seeing that the covenant of the Lord is upon you and with you?
- What should you see? – Do you see specific things that indicate the time is now?
- What should you perceive when you see movement by the Priests, who are Levites, who are carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God?



We must be ready

And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you. – Joshua 3:5

- **Mind what you see! (Sight Language)**
- Prepare yourself – consecrate yourself wholly to this purpose
- God is about to show up – Be on His page when He does
- Keep the distance in order to go the distance
- Don't get ahead of the plan, follow the plan
- This is how you should know how to go
- This is new to you



We must rehearse

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- **Let your mind see - Play it over in your mind – Use your imagination (Mind Language)!**
- Show them who has been amongst them
- Show them who has always brought the prospective
- Ready their minds by what they see
- It's the ark – what does this mean to you when you see it being carried?



We must understand

And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. – Joshua 3:7

- **See, I am setting you apart!**
- I AM about to celebrate you, so others will see ME through you
- I AM telling you now, so you know I AM with you
- And you will know I am behind you and that I AM going before you



We must understand – Cont'd

And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan. – Joshua 3:8

Mind your Position (Body Language)

- Hold your position when you come to the brink of the water
- It's the Jordan quite alright! But you will hold your position
- Don't look at it but look at ME!
- It is before you, but I AM behind you and do go before you
- Stand still, don't retreat!



Come hither, and hear...

And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God. . – Joshua 3:9

Mind what you say (Voice Language)!

- Amid impossibilities – Hear the word of the Lord!
- Amid visual contradictions – Hear the word of the Lord!
- Amid mountains, nations, impregnable walls, heavy resistance or a people group greater than you – Remember the word of the Lord!
- Amid all the noise – Remember the word of the Lord!



We must remember

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

- **Guard your Mind (Mind Language)!**
- Keep the distance in order to go the distance
- Don't get ahead of the plan, follow the plan
- This is how you should know how to go
- This is new to you
- I need twelve ordinary men, one from every tribe. The last time I used leaders, but now I say you should take from among you! – Joshua 3:12; Joshua 4:5-9, 21-24



We must remember – Cont'd

*And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that **the living God** is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the **Canaanites**, and the **Hittites**, and the **Hivites**, and the **Perizzites**, and the **Girgashites**, and the **Amorites**, and the **Jebusites**. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. – Joshua 3:10,11*

- **The Living God** – Not a dull, dead, senseless, unactive god, such as the gods of the nations whose land you are about to possess.
- The stage for your success has already been set, but I need you to do your part – This is all you must do to have what I have already given to you!
- I AM the living God – I will not fail you! I will drive them out before you!
- **Do you see the ark – A symbol to you of my presence with you! – I AM the Lord of all the earth!**



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They were to take the lowlands, mountains, everything that could be occupied, and last stronghold – Jebus!

- **The Canaanites** – Lowlanders (Phoenicia – the environs of Tyre and Sidon)
- **The Hittites** – occupied the mountains, southward of the promised land. Descendants of Heth, second son of Canaan
- **The Hivites** – dwelt by Ebal and Gerizim, Sichem and Gibeon towards the mountains of Hermon



We must remember – Cont'd

- **The Perizzites** – Rustics, dwellers in the open, unwalled towns, villagers scattered through the country in general
- **The Girgashites** – possessed the country beyond Jordan, towards the lake of Gennesareth
- **The Amorites** – Mountaineers, occupied the mountainous country in the vicinity of the western part of the Dead Sea, also part of the land of Moab which the Israelites conquered from Sihon and Og.
- **The Jebusites** – Placed last (by which the promised land is often designated) – occupied the strong fortress of Jebus - these possessed Jerusalem



We must remember – Cont'd

Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. – Joshua 3:12

And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. – Joshua 4:8

And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. – Joshua 4:20

That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever. – Joshua 4:24

- Blessed are they that keep His testimonies... – Psalms 119:2
- I need twelve ordinary men, one from every tribe. The last time I used leaders, but now I say you should take from among you! – Joshua 3:12; Joshua 4:5-9, 21-24



We must do

*And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, **the Lord of all the earth**, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. – Joshua 3:13*

*And it came to pass, **when the people removed** from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; – Joshua 3:14*

*And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark **were dipped in the brim of the water**, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) – Joshua 3:15*

Mind our actions (Body Language)

- God's timing does not necessary line up with what is happening at the time
- Jordan was in flood stage when God said the stage is right to cross over



We must do – Cont'd

For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over. – Joshua 4:10

- God's timing does not necessary line up with what is happening at the time
- Jordan was in flood stage when God said the stage is right to cross over
- When God says move, move!
- The laws of opportunity and timing – Window of opportunity
- The people hastened and passed over
- The Jordan remained parted until the priest were commanded to come up out of Jordan! – Joshua 4:17



Conclusion

From the pages of Joshua

- They did not have muddy feet – They passed over on dry ground in the midst of Jordan
- The Jordan remained parted until the priest were commanded to come up out of Jordan – Hmmm!
Watch the Priests!



Next Week

We will continue next week, beginning with:

- Taking the land