

Prepared for the Amazing

1. Prepare yourselves spiritually for God to work through you
 - A. Joshua prepared for the coming battles by sending spies into Jericho – Joshua 2:1-24 (207-08)
 - B. Joshua prepared the Israelites by instructing them to follow the priests – Joshua 3:1-4 (208)
 - C. Joshua prepared the people by instructing them to consecrate themselves – Joshua 3:5 (208)
 - 1) Consecration involved a ceremonial washing
 - 2) David sees his forgiveness as cleansing – Psalm 51:7-10 (556)
 - 3) Isaiah sees God inviting us to seek His cleansing – Isaiah 1:16-20 (663)
 - D. Joshua prepared the people in sharing the vision that God was about to do amazing things – Joshua 3:5 (208)
 - 1) This is similar to God’s promise to Moses after the giving of the law – Exodus 34:10
2. Step out in faith when God urges you to move
 - A. The priests carrying the ark were to step into the Jordan River – Joshua 3:7-8
 - 1) This instruction contrasts with the instruction given to Moses – Exodus 14:13-16 (68)
 - B. The Jordan was at flood stage, but God demonstrated His power – Joshua 3:14-17 (209)
 - C. Lessons learned:
 - 1) The instructions didn’t seem to make sense
 - 2) There was an element of risk
 - 3) Without God, they could look foolish
3. Never forget God’s mighty works
 - A. The instructions to gather 12 stones from the Jordan – Joshua 4:1-3 (209)
 - B. The Israelites obeyed God’s command – Joshua 4:8 (209)
 - C. Joshua explains the significance of the stones – Joshua 4:20-24
 - 1) We must remember what God has done
 - 2) We must pass on the truth about God to future generations
 - a. We are to teach the next generation – Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 6-7, 10-12
 - (1) Teach a love for God
 - (2) Impress it on our children
 - (3) Don’t forget when God blesses
 - D. Because of Joshua’s complete obedience to God, God exalted Joshua – Joshua 4:14