

CROSSING THE JORDAN



BOOK OF JOSHUA

Getting Started

Obstacles are annoying.

- Have you ever tripped on something in front of someone. Tell us your funniest trip moment where you were embarrassed from falling?
- Are you the type of person that laughs out loud when someone else falls? Whats the funniest fall story you have seen or heard of?
- What is the strangest obstacle you have had to swerve away from on the freeway?

Going Deeper

Discuss this past Sundays message.

- Was there anything that caught your attention this past Sunday?
- Was there anything about the message that you felt strongly about?

On Sunday we discussed the importance of being Obedient to God.

Is it easier to be obedient to God when life is going well or when life is difficult/obstacles? Why?

One of the ways God called Joshua to be Obedient was to keep God front and center. (He kept the Ark of the Covenant (God resided there) 1000 yards in front of everyone to see.)

[Joshua 3:4](#)

What are ways that we can keep God front and center in our lives. How does this happen in your office, your home, your leisure time?

- Are there times that you don't want God front and center? (Be honest)
- At a business meeting?
- At a late dinner party?
- At a football game with friends?

How do we resolve that conflict?

Read **[Deuteronomy 30:9-10](#)**, **[Colossians 3:1-4](#)**

- What does these verses tell us about walking with God?

Read [Romans 12:2](#)

- Is there a balance between being in this world but not of the world?

“Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed”

- What does that look like?
- How are we suppose to manifest this?
- What happens when we don't? Who do we let down?

One of the points in the message was: Your obstacles determine the size of your God. Would you agree with this statement? Why or Why not?

Has there ever been a major obstacle/problem in your life that you didn't know how you were going to get through it? Share with the group.

Did you turn to God?

In hindsight, can you see how God worked in that situation?

For Joshua, he saw that crossing the Jordan was a spiritual problem not a human problem. The Ark of the Covenant was referenced 14 times in 17 verses.

- Do you think that we should consider our struggles as spiritual or was this a one time event?
- Should we stop to consider that maybe our obstacle/problem could be a spiritual problem?

If so, how are we supposed to act on it? What did Joshua do to resolve the problem?

Joshua 3:3-4, Joshua 3:5

Memories come and go. What are some things that our society creates to help mark major milestones, i.e., wedding rings: remember our wedding vows?

Joshua had the people create a memorial, with stones to remind them of what God had done in crossing the Jordan. **Joshua 4:4-7**

Do we forget God's faithfulness in delivering us from a problem?

What are some practical things we can do to remind us of God's faithfulness?

How do we share God's faithfulness on to others so they can know of God's goodness?

Specifically, how do you share God's faithfulness with folks that don't share your beliefs in God?

