

Make Room Part 10 - Saturday

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Make Room for Obedience

Joshua 3:1, *Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over.*

Joshua 3:2, *After three days the officers went throughout the camp, 3 giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it.*

Three Things Joshua and the Israelites Are Instructed to Do:

1. **FOLLOW the Lord**

Joshua 3:4, *Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don't come any closer. 5 Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."*

2. **PURIFY Yourself**

Joshua 3:5, *... "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you."*

Joshua 3:6, *In the morning Joshua said to the priests, "Lift up the Ark of the Covenant and lead the people across the river." And so they started out and went ahead of the people. 7 The Lord told Joshua, "Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites. They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses. 8 Give this command to the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: 'When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into*

the river and stop there.’”

3. Step Into the WATER

Joshua 3:14, *So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. 15 It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river’s edge, 16 the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho.*

Joshua and the Israelites

- **Followed the Lord**
- **Purified Themselves**
- **Stepped Into the Water**

And the Result... God Demonstrated His Power and PRESENCE

Joshua 3:17, *Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.*

Deuteronomy 1:35, *“No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors, 36 except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the Lord wholeheartedly.”*

Joshua 14:6, *Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea*

to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, 8 but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.

Three Things Caleb Does:

1. Caleb Looks BACK

Joshua 14:8, *my fellow Israelites...*

2. Caleb WAITED on the Lord

Joshua 14:10, *“Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! 11 I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.*

Joshua 14:11, *I’m still as strong today...*

3. Caleb Looks AHEAD

Joshua 14:12, *Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”*