



Joshua (Part Two): Faith to *Prevail* in Every Struggle
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I. Dependence on God’s Power

Joshua 3:5, 8 (NIV)

“Joshua told the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.’... ‘Tell the priests to carry the ark of the covenant. When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

Joshua 3:14–16 (NIV)

“So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away ... so the people crossed over opposite Jericho.”

Joshua 6:1 (NIV)

“Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.”

Joshua 4:20–24 (NIV)

“Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, ‘In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, “What do these stones mean?” tell them, “Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.” For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over... He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.’”

II. Confidence in God’s Provision

Joshua 5:13–15 (NIV)

“Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, ‘Are you for us or for our enemies?’ ‘Neither,’ he replied, ‘but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.’ Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, ‘What message does my Lord have for his servant?’ The commander of the LORD’s army replied, ‘Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.’ And Joshua did so.”

III. Obedience to God’s Plan

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Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Joshua 6:20 (ESV)

As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.

“God expects nothing more from us than failure, yet we spend years trying to make ourselves something other than a failure! So as long as we think we can do it in our own strength alone, the miraculous resources of God cannot help us.” - Alan Redpath