

Introduction:

- How can we not be a mobile people with God? We have the Holy Spirit! We have the word! There must be moves/movements of God in our lives...simply because of who He is.
- Three things to move with God: *Camp Out, Cry Out, and Move Out!*
- Joshua 4:5-7

I. Camp Out Joshua 3:1 "lodged there"

- A. To start the transition Joshua has the people campout three days in front of the flooded Jordan.
 1. They now find themselves in the midst of transition. Transition is movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another; change.
 2. As believers in Christ Jesus we will always find ourselves in transition/change. They are meant to be good things. God is taking us from height to height and glory to glory. To do that we must experience transition. (Going from one place, state, position to another). 2 Cor 3:18.
- B. Camp out in front of the Jordan
 1. Pause outside the place where God is taking you and take it all in!
 - a) See the obstacles - Jordan is at flood stage. Jericho is just on the other side.
 - b) Remember the vision, remember the land flowing with milk and honey! See the place God desires to take you. I don't think we do this enough as leaders.
 2. Camping out by the Jordan in front of Jericho convinces you of two things.
 - a) One, we need God if this is going to happen.
 - b) Two, we need to see what He intends us to have. We have been waiting for 40 years to cross this river!
- C. Consecrate yourselves. 3:10 means to be washed, to make holy, to set apart. The three days spent before the Jordan and before the Land of promised has a tendency to make one do some soul searching. God will point out the uglies and ask us to deal with it. It is the first step—soul search and commit to Christ.
 1. Washed with the Word. The Word exposes our heart to us and conviction of the Holy Spirit leads us and encourages us to change/transition. God does not want to take from us but to take us to a place of our God given inheritance.
 2. What does Gods word say about my situation? Finances, marriage, family, etc. The Word sanctifies these areas of my life because it lets me know what God thinks about it and where the point of blessing lies. The Word helps us get rid of 'stinking thinking.'
 3. In consecrating ourselves to God, he gives us His word or His word goes deeper into us as we wait upon Him. *"And Joshua said, 'Here is how you shall know that*

the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites." (Joshua 3:10, ESV)

- D. Leave a Memorial. 4:1-ff. A man from each tribe is instructed to pick up a stone from the Jordan for a memorial. Ie. Know this – they will carry the biggest stone possible!
1. What are you carrying so as not to let your family down?
 2. A memorial is a sign that says something about your past. It is to cause to bring to remembrance.
 3. 4:6 the children will ask, "*What do these stones mean to you?*" NOTE TO SELF: It does not say, "What do these stones mean?" There is a big difference in how you answer a generation.
 4. You can give the religious answer or you can give the truth from experience.
 - a) Ie. Communion: To a child, is something that the church does...not something that you as a family do.
 - b) We know what it means to the church but what does it mean to you? When you explain what it means to you, it is personal, and the memorial will live long after you are gone.

II. Cry Out 4:24 that all (the whole world) may know...God did this!!!

- A. It is here that we welcome the moving of God in us and around us.
1. Israel sanctified themselves and took their first steps into the water. As the priests did the waters parted. We must learn to rejoice at the working of God going on around us. And let that work bring a sense of awe to our hearts.
 2. Notice that Joshua 4:22-24 is a declaration of Joshua to the people of Israel saying take note of what just happened here and do not forget it. He was crying out to Israel to hear.
 3. The fear of the Lord causes a cry to exude from the heart of the one humbly submitted. Our attention is caught by God.
- B. They entered into covenant with God. 5:2-ff. Joshua circumcises the sons of Israel.
1. Israel had disobeyed God in the wilderness by not circumcising their sons. God wanted them to be in covenant with Him.
 2. The stones would be a memorial a mark on the land. Circumcision made it personal and would be a mark on the men. A sign of covenant! "*But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.*" (Romans 2:29, ESV) Note: of the heart, by the Spirit, praised by God!
 3. Col 2:11-12 *In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him*

through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. NKJV

4. This circumcision is sometimes painful because it means cutting away all the confidence we put in our flesh/ourselves. It means we must enter into a greater level of faith.
 - a) What a tragedy that a generation did not receive from their fathers the covenant that they had walked and entered into.
 - b) They did not present covenant with God to their children.
- C. Cry out to God for forgiveness, for mercy. Remember He is a God of covenant and walk in obedience to Him.

III. Move Out

- A. When you cross over into the things of God three things clearly happen.
- B. You must move out when the manna ceases. Joshua 5:12 The manna ceased, they now had to find their own food. Move out! Find Food!
 1. They were no longer fed by God but by the promise-promised land. New level of faith.
 2. It was a transition. God was still God. God was still faithful, but in a new realm was a requirement of faith for new living.
 3. Ie. When first saved it seems that everything was easy with God. You are like a little bird you open your mouth and he fills it. But at some point God seems to say– “Ok, now you look for me, you search, you find food in my word.”
 4. Ie. Mark 9:14-17 Jesus is confronted about his disciples not fasting.
 - a) Momma bird is here why should they.
 - b) Time will come when I won't be here and then they will fast.
 - c) There would be a time when disciples will move out to find me! Right now they don't have to because I am right here.
- C. You must move out when opportunity arises. Joshua 5:13-15
 1. Joshua meets the man with the drawn sword. What does Joshua now have? He has a problem. Problem: Webster--In general, any question involving doubt or uncertainty, and requiring some operation, experiment or further evidence for its solution. (www.dictionary.com) - Any question or matter involving doubt, uncertainty, or difficulty.
 - a) Life is full of problems. And for many the answer is to run away. Not Joshua! He sees an opportunity!
 - b) He does not know who this guy is ...friend, enemy, stranger??? He moves out to confront Him!
 - c) The problem becomes the opportunity! Something remarkable happens when we don't run from our problems but run to them...YOU FIND GOD!
 2. If you do not run from your problem but look for God, you will find God in the

midst of your problem. In our problems we have to ask—“Where is God in this? Is he working in me? Is he working in them? Is He revealing himself to me?”—that would be an awesome discovery about God. Joshua then asks the Angel of the Lord, *“What does my Lord say to His servant?”*

- D. Third, You move out when you know you have broken through! This is the redeeming factor! When you know you have been redeemed, you move out!
1. It is that Is. 35:4 thing, *“Behold I come with vengeance,”* recompense, and salvation! That is breakthrough.
 2. God is for you who can be against you!
 3. Watch this: Joshua 5:15. *Take your sandal off your foot.* That is a strange demand.
 - a) This was a custom that existed at the time. **“property was taken possession of by treading upon the soil,** and hence taking off the shoe and handing it to another was a symbol of the transfer of a possession or right of ownership.” (from Keil and Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament) He who has the shoe treads upon the soil!
 - b) le. Ruth 4:7 Boaz does the same thing when he goes to redeem the land for Naomi.
 - (1) The kinsman redeemer waives his right by taking off his sandal and giving it Boaz. He was saying, I can’t/won’t buy it, but you can.
 - (1) Joshua by taking off his one sandal is saying, I can’t redeem the land but you with your armies can!
 - (a) I waive my right to lead this people in—You take us in Angel of the Lord!
 - (b) You can better deliver these people than I can.
 - (2) In NT Jesus says this in the new covenant. If you give up your right I will give you a new and better covenant.
 - b) Many have been trying to do God things on your own strength. Let’s waive our rights. Give God the right to bring victory! Let him be commander and prepare to “Move Out!”

Conclusion:

- Camp out before the promises of God.
- Cry out for the Word of the Lord and for God leave a generational mark on and in our lives.
- Move out into everything He has for you! Remember who you are and whose you are!