

WHAT GOT YOU HERE WON'T GET YOU THERE

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Joshua 3:1–5

THE BIG IDEA

The God who brought you to this Jordan is the same God who will carry you across — but **the wilderness habits, posture, and mindset that got you here won't get you there.**

KEY VERSE

“You have never been this way before... Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.” — Joshua 3:4–5

TWO CROSSINGS, SAME GOD, DIFFERENT POSTURE

	Red Sea	Jordan
Posture	Going OUT (exit from Egypt)	Coming IN (entry to Canaan)
Action	Escape — running FROM Pharaoh	Conquest — running TOWARD Jericho
Leadership	Reluctant (Moses)	Courageous, proactive (Joshua)
Covenant	Before the law	Under the law — boundaries, accountability
Presence	Distant — cloud & fire	Close — ark in the midst
Demand	Just walk	Fight, study, discipline, conquer

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

- You can't carry Egypt into Canaan — wilderness habits won't survive in promised-land territory.
- Grace is unconditional; many of God's choicest blessings are conditional on how we walk.
- The Christian life is not a snapshot but a journey — not a moment but a movement.
- Every new season demands new faith, new discipline, new prayers, new dependence.

EVERY NEW CHALLENGE COMES WRAPPED IN A NEW PROMISE

1. **“I will be with you wherever you go.”** (Joshua 1:9)
2. **“No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life.”** (Joshua 1:5)

FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- What “Jordan” are you standing at right now? What new territory is God calling you into?
- What habits, mindsets, or attitudes from your wilderness season do you need to leave on the other side of the river?
- Where in your walk have you been “coasting” on a past experience rather than pressing in for fresh inheritance?
- What would it look like this week to “consecrate yourself” in preparation for what God is about to do?

TAKE THIS WITH YOU: *The God who called you to cross over is the God who will carry you across.*