

Miracles of God



MEMORY VERSE: “Then Joshua told the people, ‘Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.’”
Joshua 3:5

DAY 1 JOSHUA 3:1-5 — Preparing to Cross the Jordan River

1. The Israelites are at the Jordan River. How will they know when and where to cross the river? v. 3
From the Dictionary and Exodus 25:10-22, what is the Ark of the Covenant?
2. Read verse 5. How can believers today approach God with a pure heart? Also see Romans 12:1-2.
How does the media you use (i.e. phone, videos, games, apps...) effect your purity?

DAY 2 JOSHUA 3:6-17 — Crossing the Jordan River

3. Read verses 6-10. What does God tell Joshua? When Joshua speaks to the people, how does he honor God?
4. Read verses 11-17. When were the waters of the Jordan parted? What does this miracle tell you about God?
5. We are already seeing themes of God’s presence and power in Joshua. How has God reminded you of both His presence and His power in your life?

DAY 3**JOSHUA 4:1-24 — Israel Enters the Promised Land**

6. Read verses 1-9. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? What was the meaning of the memorial for the Israelites?

7. How does remembering God's faithfulness to you and your faithfulness to Him impact you? Share ways that you can make memorials for what God does in your life.

8. Read verses 21-24. Why did God care what all the "all the nations of the earth" thought of Him? Does He still care? How should this affect what we do?

DAY 4**JOSHUA 5:1-15 — Israelites Observe Circumcision and Passover**

9. From Joshua 4:13, where are the Israelites now and what are they ready to do?

10. Read verses 2-8. Circumcision was a practice God established to identify the men of Israel as His special people. It was a sign on their body that marked them that God had chosen them to belong to Him - setting them apart. Why do you think God wanted the people to renew their commitment to Him in this way and at this time?

11. All the men of fighting age were made completely vulnerable and unable to fight for several days. What does this tell you about God? What can we learn from this?

12. Read verses 10-12. Review Passover in the Dictionary. From Exodus 12:21-27, why did Israel observe the Passover when they entered the land?

13. Read verses 13-15. Who was the visitor? v. 14 God was not on the Israelite's "side"; rather, the Israelites were fighting God's battles. Why do you think God sent this visitor to Joshua?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 3-5 — Wrap Up

14. What do you think God was trying to teach the Israelites by asking them to follow Him instead of trying their own ways to cross the Jordan River? How can you apply this to your own life?

15. God's story with the Israelites is symbolic of the Gospel: He frees us, gives Himself to us and delivers us. How do you see these promises shown in these chapters?

TAKE AWAY

He always provides for His people. How has God provided for you? Has He provided for you in any unexpected ways?

BLESSING

God proves His faithfulness again and again, but we tend to forget or don't recognize it, because it is not the way we pictured it. God is good and trustworthy. His timing and plans for our lives are always far better than our own.

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Upon reaching the Jordan River, Joshua and the Israelites set up camp and waited for God to make a way for them to cross over the river. On the third day, the people were to follow the Ark of the Covenant (where God's Presence lived) across on dry land. God told them what to do. They listened. They trusted. They obeyed. God speaks to us today as well. We must turn to His Word for guidance. How can we listen to Him better? How can we trust Him more? How can we obey better?

This miracle marked their entrance into the land. It marked the beginning of their possession of the land. The memorials

God had them make were to remind them of God's power, God's presence, and God's promises. God wants us to remember all He has done in our lives as well.

The men were circumcised after crossing the Jordan. it was an outward symbol of their identification with God as His chosen people, Joshua and the people needed to obey God in faith. In the same manner, we are also called to obey God in faith. We don't know the future, but we know that God controls the future. Think back on your life. How has God provided for you?

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