

# God isn't going to move on your behalf till you start moving in the direction that he is directing!

Joshua 3:1-8,14-17 NLT

Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing. Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, giving these instructions to the people: "When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them. 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."

Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you."

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.

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. 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."

...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. 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, 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.

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.

## **When you find yourself someplace you've never been before you've got to...**

### Position yourself

Psalms 32:8-9 CEB

I will instruct you and teach you about the direction you should go. I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.

Don't be like some senseless horse or mule, whose movement must be controlled with a bit and a bridle.

Don't be anything like that!

### Prepare yourself

1 Peter 1:13 NASB

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

### Push yourself

Hebrews 11:1 NCV

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

For we walk by faith, not by sight