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The priests ... stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. Joshua 3:17

I. God's Presence Goes Before Us! (Josh. 3:6 - 13)

- A. God has already set the timetable (3 days – “then you will cross”) [Josh. 1:11]
- B. They were to watch the Ark to know “which way to go” [Josh 3:4]
- C. Now – the moment comes (Kairos = God’s time)
- D. Joshua hears from God and directs the people [Josh 3:6,7]
- E. “Go and stand IN the river” [vs. 8]
- F. This is a sign (“How you will know”) unto you that God truly is: (vs. 9 – 13)
 - 1. “The Lord your God” [Yahweh Elohim] (vs. 9)
 - 2. “The Living God” [Chay El] (vs. 10)
 - 3. “The Lord of all the earth” (x2) – [Adonay kol ‘erets] (vs. 11,13)



II. God's People Follow by Faith (Josh. 3:14 – 17)

- A. Expected a miracle! “their feet touched the water’s edge” (vs. 14-15) [Heb. 11:1; Matt. 28:20]
- B. Astonished by the event! “the water stopped flowing ... at a town called Adam”
- C. Priest stopped in the middle with the Ark of the Covenant – “stood on dry ground” Miracle #2 (vs. 17)
- D. All the people “whole nation” crossed over on “dry ground”
- E. The people walked over “opposite Jericho”
- F. We walk by faith not by sight! – 2 Cor. 5:7

III. Gilgal Memorial Reminds Us! (Josh. 4:1-3, 19 – 24)

- A. Choosing 12 men to take up stones – a token of remembrance [vs. 4 1 – 3]
- B. NOTICE the date – **10th day of the First month** – The day of selecting the lamb for the Passover! [vs. 19]
- C. A Testimony of God’s power and presence – “The Lord your God” (3x)
- D. Our faith in the future is strengthened by our celebration of the past victories of God
- E. Gilgal became the headquarters for the entire Canaan Land mission!