

"Crossover" / June 24, 2018

Well 2018 is half way over, and what a year it has been. Just in my own life, I have made it a very intentional choice to really watch my kids grow during this year of their life. Knowing that these moments that Jen and I get to raise them in this world. I have been trying to be more and more intentional to make sure and log as many memories and special moments in my memory as possible, not wanting to miss even one!

I am sure there are many of you that have a similar thought in different things in your world. Many of us have moments that we want to hold onto, people that we do not want to forget, things in our lives that we cherish and never want to let go of, leave behind, or pass over. However, there are always things that we want to leave behind, never to visit again, never to be like again, never let navigate journey of our life! We have to Crossover!

As we continue on this year and move forward in what the Lord has for us, I believe the Lord wants to remind of His promise for His people to Crossover! And inherit the land in which He has promised us that we be ours. Every year we say, "May 2018 be the year that..." You fill in the blank...

This morning, I want to give you 4 Principles to live by, to let the remaining half a year be a year of Crossover. These 4 basic principles will get us moving on, pressing through - never to be the same again - let's MOVE!

Let's Pray...

Our text this morning is coming from the 1st Chapters of Joshua...

1) **Live the God Dream!**

Joshua 1:1-9, ¹ After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant.

- **The God Dream came when Joshua was alone. - Moses is dead.**

He said, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. ³ I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— ⁴ from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.'

- **The God Dream way bigger than you and I. - Look at the amount of land. They needed to scout the land.**

⁵ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. ⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the

land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

- **The God Dream requires God’s encouragement.** - **Be strong & Courageous!**

Joshua 2:12-14, ¹² “Now swear to me by the Lord that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that ¹³ when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.” ¹⁴ “We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,” the men agreed. “If you don’t betray us, we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the Lord gives us the land.”

- **The God Dream infuses unlikely people.** - Joshua 2 - Rahab the prostitute.
Live the God Dream

2) **Deal with the Impurities!**

a. **Joshua 1:10-11**, ¹⁰Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, ¹¹ “Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

- Chap. 1, Joshua instructed the people to get their provisions ready to move.
- Now Chap. 3, Joshua instructs the people to move from their positions.

b. **Joshua 3:1-5**, ¹ 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. ² Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, ³ 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. ⁴ Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about a half mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don’t come any closer.” ⁵ Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.”

- **When you prepare your provisions and prepare to move, you begin to see the impurities in your life. You see what you can live without or move out to make room for something new!** **Deal with the Impurities**

3) **Let God Lead You!**

Joshua 3:6-17, ⁶ 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.

- **Vs. 6 - Lift the Ark of the Covenant.**

- **Put the Presence of the Lord above everything and everyone.**

⁷ 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.

- **Vs. 7 - God will build you up!**

- Remember **Ex. 14:14**, "**Stay calm and the Lord will fight the battle!**"

⁸ 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."

⁹ So Joshua told the Israelites, "Come and listen to what the Lord your God says. ¹⁰ Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites ahead of you. ¹¹ Look, the Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! ¹² Now choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ The priests will carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall."

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ 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.

- **Vs. 14 - Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them.**

¹⁷ 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.

- **Vs. 17 - The dry ground does not signify ease, safety, or lack of fear - but it does mean peace, protection, and possession!**

- Dry ground is where the seeds grow, the seeds go through the water and sprout, but they grow in in dry ground! **Let God Lead You!**

4) **Remember God's Faithfulness!**

Joshua 4 - Memorials to the Jordan Crossing – Not on screens – Except Last 4!

¹ When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ² “Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. ³ Tell them, ‘Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.’”

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. ⁵ He told them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁶ We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷ Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”

⁸ So the men did as Joshua had commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, one for each tribe, just as the Lord had told Joshua. They carried them to the place where they camped for the night and constructed the memorial there. ⁹ Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing. And they are there to this day.

¹⁰ The priests who were carrying the Ark stood in the middle of the river until all of the Lord’s commands that Moses had given to Joshua were carried out. Meanwhile, the people hurried across the riverbed. ¹¹ And when everyone was safely on the other side, the priests crossed over with the Ark of the Lord as the people watched.

¹² The armed warriors from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh led the Israelites across the Jordan, just as Moses had directed. ¹³ These armed men—about 40,000 strong—were ready for battle, and the Lord was with them as they crossed over to the plains of Jericho. ¹⁴ That day the Lord made Joshua a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites, and for the rest of his life they revered him as much as they had revered Moses.

¹⁵ The Lord had said to Joshua, ¹⁶ “Command the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant to come up out of the riverbed.” ¹⁷ So Joshua gave the command. ¹⁸ As soon as the priests carrying the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant came up out of the riverbed and their feet were on high ground, the water of the Jordan returned and overflowed its banks as before.

¹⁹ The people crossed the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month. Then they camped at Gilgal, just east of Jericho. ²⁰ It was there at Gilgal that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River.

²¹ Then Joshua said to the Israelites, "In the future your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean?' ²² Then you can tell them, 'This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' ²³ For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. ²⁴ He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever."

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- Story of a student from CS, about their faith...

Title Slide: Let me tell you the words of the Apostle Paul...**Rom. 5:6&8**, ⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Whether you feel like you are a cheap painting or a masterpiece, now is the time to say yes to Jesus! And begin to know what unconditional love is truly all about...

Can I again remind you this morning of **Rom. 8:31**, **"If God is for you, it doesn't matter who's against you!"** So you can "CROSSOVER" and...

- 1) **Live the God Dream!**
- 2) **Deal with the impurities!**
- 3) **Let God lead you!**
- 4) **Remember God's Faithfulness!**