

15. We Must Rely On God As We Cross Over

- Joshua 3:14-17, NIV – (14) *So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. (15) Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, (16) the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. (17) The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.*

16. We Must Battle Before We Receive The Blessing

- Joshua 4:11-13, NIV – (11) *... as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the LORD and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. (12) The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, armed, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. (13) About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the LORD to the plains of Jericho for war.*

17. We Must Commit To Have A Clear Conscience Before God

- Joshua 5:2-9, NIV – (2) *At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again." ... (9) Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.*

18. We Must Refocus On Our Covenant With God

- Joshua 5:10, NIV – (10) *On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.*

19. We Will Eat The Fruit Of Our Victories

- Joshua 5:11, NIV – (11) *The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain.*
- Isaiah 1:19, NIV – (19) *If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land.*

PREPARING TO CROSS OVER

Part 6 – It's Time To Cross Over!

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INSIGHTS TO CROSS OVER SUCCESSFULLY

1. We Need To Raise Up New Leaders

- Joshua 1:1-2, NIV – (1) *After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: (2) "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them -- to the Israelites.*

- a) The World Is Growing – New Leaders Are Needed
- b) The World Is Changing – Different Kinds Of Leaders Are Needed

2. We Must Be United In Vision

- Joshua 1:2b, NIV – (2) *"... Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them -- to the Israelites.*

3. We Must Be Prepared

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4. We Must Understand Our Goal

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5. We Must Be Willing To Work

Joshua 1:3, NIV – (3) *I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. (4) Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates -- all the Hittite country -- to the Great Sea on the west.*

6. We Must Put Our Security And Confidence In God's Presence

- Joshua 1:5, NIV – (5) *No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.*

7. We Must Be Strong And Courageous

- Joshua 1:6-7a, NIV – (6) *"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. (7) Be strong and very courageous. ...*

8. We Must Commit To Obey God

- Joshua 1:7b-8, NIV – (7) *... Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. (8) Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

- a) Obey All
- b) Do Not Get Sidetracked
- c) Live The Word
 - i. In Your Mouth – Let the Word not depart from your mouth
 - ii. In Your Mind – "Meditate on it day and night"
 - iii. In Your Actions – "Be careful to do everything written in it"
- d) Prosper Because Of The Word

9. We Must Put Our Confidence In God

- Joshua 1:9, NIV – (9) *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*

10. We Must Determine To Possess The Land

- Joshua 1:11, NIV – (11) *"Go through the camp and tell the people, Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own. "*

11. We Must Work Together

- Joshua 1:12-15, NIV – (12) *But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, (13) "Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: The LORD your God is giving you rest and has granted you this land.' (14) Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers (15) until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise. "*

12. The Leaders Must Lead The Way, And The People Must Follow

- Joshua 3:2-3, NIV – (2) *After three days the officers went throughout the camp, (3) giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it.*

13. We Must Learn New Methods

- Joshua 3:4a, NIV – (4a) *Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.*
- New ministries require new methods, new territory requires new tactics, new opportunities require new operations, new challenges require new courses of action

14. We Must Make A New Consecration

- Joshua 3:5, NIV – (5) *Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."*