

“Preparing to Go Where You’ve Never Been”

Joshua 3:1-5

(esp. v.5 “consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”)

- I. The **NATURE** of a genuine commitment (v.5)
 - A. It is **PERSONAL** (v.5a “consecrate **YOURSELVES**...”)
 - B. It is **PREPARATORY** (v.5b “for tomorrow”)
 - C. It is **PARTICULAR** (v.5c “**THE Lord**”)
- II. The **ACTIONS** of a genuine commitment (v.6ff) (example: Ark of the Covenant—Ezekiel 25:10-22)
 - A. **SOMETIMES**, a commitment means **WE STAND STILL** (v.8b “...you shall stand still in the Jordan.”)
 - B. **OFTEN**, a commitment means **WE STAND FIRM** (v.17 “...the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant...stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan...”)
 - C. **ALWAYS**, a commitment means **WE STAND STRONG** (6:2 “...I have given Jericho into your hand...” 10:8 “Do not fear them, for I have given them (enemies) into your hands; not one of them shall stand before you.”)
- III. The **RESULTS** of a genuine commitment (v.16d “...so the people crossed opposite Jericho.”)
 - A. With real commitment we **RECEIVE THE MIRACLES OF GOD**. (v.16 “...the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap...”)
 - B. With real commitment we **RETAIN THE MEMORY OF GOD** (4:5 “...Cross again into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone...”)
 - C. With real commitment we **REGAIN THE VICTORY OF GOD** (4:7 “...the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord...”)

With a brand new year comes many new opportunities. For you to take advantage of those opportunities you will have to be willing to “Go Where You’ve Never Been and Do What You’ve Never Done.”

Are you willing to make a commitment that will make a difference?

- ...in your personal life?
- ...in your family life?
- ...in your church?
- ...in your community?
- ...in your nation?
- ...in your world?