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Joshua Is Exalted in God's Service (Joshua 3:8)

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God promised the Hebrew people, now called Israel, that they would inherit the promised land. He directed Moses to take them on the route that was safest from enemies, but it was through the deserts of Sinai and Zin. They were being tested, prepared to live in a theocratic government. They witnessed miracles of drinking water (Exodus 15:25, 17:6, 20:11) provision of meat/quail, (16:13), and bread/manna (16:15). Yet they grumbled and quarreled (16:9, 17:2,7, 20:3). How have you dealt with those who seemed to be disrupting the mission?

INTRODUCTION

God directed Moses to anoint Joshua as leader (Deuteronomy 31:2). Moses died at the top of Mt Nebo where God showed him a panoramic view of the promised land where His people were about to enter. Moses lost favor by striking rather than speaking to get water from the rock at Meribah (Numbers 20:12). **Please share when you have seen a key step missed.**

RAHAB SHELTERS THE SPIES

Joshua 2:11 Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So, they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab and lodged there. (NASB)

The king of the fortified city of Jericho heard that spies had come in and were staying at Rahab's house. A team of men came looking for the spies. Rahab had learned of the grace of God and the miracles displayed, bringing Israel into the land. She lied to the searchers and reported that the two men had just left. Saying, "Hurry, you will overtake them." Rahab then pled with the two men to save her and her family when God judged the land of Canaan. They had her tie a scarlet cord on the window that she let them drop down from, a cord of salvation (Matthew 1:5). **Have you given a hand-up to one caught in sin.**

GOD EXALTS JOSHUA AND THE PEOPLE

Joshua 2:11 "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan you shall stand still in the Jordan." (NASB)

The ark was a symbol of God's presence. The Jordan was at near flood stage when the priests stepped into the mighty current. The people crossed opposite Jericho, and the water piled up as far back as Adam, a city about 1,000 yards upstream. A representative of each tribe was directed to pick a rock from the middle of the river and set it in a pile as a memorial monument to what the Lord had done. **What miracle have you seen that revealed God's provision or power?**

GOD SENDS A COMMANDER

Joshua 5:13-15 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked, "What message does my Lord have for His servant?" (NIV)

Early every morning Joshua had the armed guard march around the city walls, leading the seven priests with trumpets, priests with the ark, and seven more priests with trumpets, followed by armed soldiers. They were to keep their voices quiet all six of the days. They all shouted on the seventh day. The city walls collapsed. Joshua ordered the two spies to go in and bring Rahab out with her family. They lived with the Israelites over the next generations. Rahab became the wife of Salmon, the mother of Boaz, in the line of King David, in the line of Jesus. **What has God asked you to do that was seemingly impossible?**

A PRAYER

Almighty God, please give me the faith of Joshua. Let me be in Your favor so that even those who act like adversaries will turn and bless the work that You are directing me to do. Sovereign Lord, strengthen me. Empower me to be part of what You are doing here in the land of Kansas, for Your people. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen!