

COURAGEOUS CHOICES

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Review It

All of us will come to rivers in life that need to be crossed in order to experience all God wants for us. Truth is, nothing great will ever happen if we stand safely on the banks. Miracles happen in the river, not the banks. So we need to build up the courage to boldly cross the rivers we face. When we do, great growth can happen in our lives. This weekend we're diving into Joshua 3 and will be studying how God worked in and through the Israelites as they mustered up the courage to cross the Jordan River. Below are questions and scripture that will guide your discussion.

Talk It Over

1. As a kid, what was the most courageous thing you did? How were you feeling before you did it? Nervous? Scared? Excited? How were you feeling after you did it? What did you learn through taking that bold step?
2. Have you ever stood on the banks of a scary river—maybe a major interview, big presentation, difficult confrontation, new leadership role, or big financial commitment? What did you do?
3. What are some rivers in your life right now that you need to cross? How long have you been standing on the bank trying to gain the courage to take the step? What's holding you back? Do you trust that God will show up even though it won't be easy?
4. Read Joshua 3:5. Consecrate means to purify yourself. This verse says that with a little purifying the Lord will do amazing things among you. Maybe your river is building up the courage to break a bad habit that is holding you back from doing great things. What areas of life do you need some purifying?
5. Read Joshua 3:15. After they took a scary step a miracle happened. The miracle didn't happen while they stood on the bank. God didn't stop the river from flowing before they took the step. He stopped it after they took the step. Are you waiting for a miracle to happen before you take the step? Do you have the courage to take the first step into the tough situation and trust that God will do wonders?

Think About It

God wants us to have the faith to be strong and courageous and to trust him. We can't stand on the banks of life's rivers and pray for a miracle to happen. It won't be easy and the miracle won't always happen according to our plans. But God is God and he knows what's best even though we may never understand it.

Commit To Memory

“Then Joshua told the people, ‘Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.’” – Joshua 3:5