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Joshua: Strength and Courage

The Living God is with You

Joshua 3:1-17

The Israelites have waited nearly 500 years to enter and take possession of the land God promised Abraham. In Joshua 3, it is finally time for them to enter the promised land. The fulfillment of God's promise to them is across the Jordan River. The chapter's focus is not how to cross the Jordan, it is on the presence of the living God with them as they cross into the promised land.

Additional Verses:

Exodus 25:10-22

Deuteronomy 31:6

Psalms 34:4, 46:1

Isaiah 40:29-31

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Hebrews 10:19-22

Outline:

1. The living God with you gives you the courage to obey.

2. The living God with you gives you the strength to continue.

3. The living God with you is Jesus Christ.

Study Questions:

1. Why does God continually remind His people that He is with them? How do you see Jesus with you in your daily life?

2. How does God with you give you the courage to obey? Where have you demonstrated courageous obedience in your life?

3. How does God with you give you the strength to continue? Where have you demonstrated strength to continue?

4. What was communicated by the placement and the restrictions on the ark? Why was this necessary? What was the purpose of the mercy seat in the Old Testament?

5. How is Jesus a better ark? How is Jesus a better mercy seat? How is Jesus a better sacrifice for our sins?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?