

Getting Our Feet Wet

Joshua 3

I. The Preparation (vs. 1-6)

A. Camping at the river (vs. 1-2) –

No One Likes to Wait...

Alexander MacLaren – “God often opens His hand
one finger at a time.”

B. Following the Ark (vs. 3-4)

**The impossibility of crossing the Jordan is God’s
work and must be led by the presence of
God.**

Why the distance?

- 1) the space would allow the whole nation to
see the Ark
- 2) to respect the holy nature of the Ark

C. Call to Sanctification (vs. 5-6)

Exodus 19:14-19

Holiness precedes honor, cleanliness before
usefulness, penance before power.

II. The Promise (vs. 7-13)

A. Exaltation through obedience (vs. 7-8)

Obedience was a central part of both Joshua and
Jesus’ exaltation.

Philippians 2:8-9.

B. Message of assurance (vs. 9-10)

“come here and listen to the words of God”

**The purpose of the miracle is not just about
getting across the river. The purpose is to
see God’s presence and God’s power.**

C. Divine strategy (vs. 11-13)

“The Ark will go ahead of you”

“as soon as the priests...set foot in the Jordan”

**We usually want the river to be dry before we
even make a step.**

Where do you need to risk? How is God calling you
to get your feet wet?

III. The Miracle (vs. 14-17)

A. 3 important details to highlight the miracle:

- 1) flood stage (vs. 15)
- 2) “stopped flowing”, “great heap” (vs. 16)
Exodus 15:8
- 3) dry ground (vs. 17)

B. Jesus our Ark of the Covenant (vs. 17)

- 1) He is Immanuel, which is translated, “God with
Us.”
- 2) Just as the Ark led Israel across the Jordan, so
Jesus cleared the way for the victory of His
people
Colossians 2:15