

Joshua 3:1-5  
"Watershed Faith"

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### Notes: 1. Introduction

a. Last 12 months pandemic uncertainty

b. But God does not change

c. Context: Moses is now dead

- Joshua is now new leader

d. Watershed moment - point of change

- nation of Israel coming into  
Promised Land

- many statements frequently repeated

- about 600,000 males numbered

- time of spring / snow melt off

### 2. Clear Vision

a. Priority - see Ark of the Covenant

- symbolized God's presence

- Mercy seat on top of Ark

- See holiness of God

b. Day of Atonement

- once a year only

- blood of sacrifice on Mercy Seat  
to atone for people's sins

c. Jn 16:13 God leads thru Spirit & Word

### 3. Complete Trust

a. God provides guidance

- Israel had not gone this way before

- life of faith is journey into

the unknown

- Trust God into unfamiliar territory

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### 3b. Ark of Covenant to lead the way across Jordan River

#### 4. Clean Heart

a. Sanctify yourself

- take sin out of your life
- Prepare yourself for God's service

b. Purity today for God's blessings tomorrow

c. Mental purity, emotional purity, practical purity

d. Joshua asked the people to come & hear Lord's words

e. Approach God in holy reverence

#### 5. Committed Action (vs. 14-17)

a. Nation to move their tents

b. Faith is not passive

- leaders went thru camp

- People to go after the Ark

c. Nation crossed across dry land

- priests dipped their feet in water

- spring run-off water heaped up way upstream at village Adam ~~at~~ next to Zaretan