



**How to Trust God Through Tough Times - 6**  
**Trusting God Through Crossover Times**  
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### **OUR CROSSOVER TIMES. . . (Joshua 3:1-17)**

*“Every life has these crossover times...Jordan Rivers to cross’  
And the great news from the Bible is that God is always  
There to provide a way through... a way across.”*

#### **Abar Times**

- Birth
- Adolescence
- College Decisions
- Hurricanes
- Divorce
- Career Choices
- Retirement
- Financial Ruin
- Disease & Death

#### **1. Follow the Lord (vs. 3-4)**

**3** *“When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **4** Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it.”*

*Let us run with perseverance the race that is set  
Before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter  
Of our faith. Hebrews 12:1-2*

#### **2. Sanctify Yourselves (vs. 5)**

*“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”*

#### **3. Follow God’s chosen Leadership (vs. 12-13)**

**12** *Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. **13** And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”*

## Questions for Groups and Classes

Read aloud around the group Joshua 3:1-17

1. When canoeing, camping or fishing that is your most memorable mishap?
2. When have you found yourself saying, water, water, everywhere? (a.) transatlantic cruises, (b) flooded basement? (c) freezer thawed? (d) Wet season?
3. While waiting to cross the Jordan, what do you suppose the people were doing?...feeling...praying...anticipating?
4. What does the ark signify? (vs. 3-5, 11, see Exodus 25:12, Numbers 4:5, 10:35-36, Deuteronomy 10:8, 31, 26?)
5. Why must they wait to see the ark and then keep their distance from it? (a) to keep separate from a holy God, (b) to better see how wonderfully God has guided them (c) to receive guidance on the way to go (d) all of the above? Why?
6. What does Joshua’s call “to consecrate yourselves,” imply? Prayers? Cleansing? Give the victory to God?
7. Why did God inaugurate Joshua’s career with a miracle similar to the one that he gave Moses (vs. 7-8)?
8. In verses 9-13, what is the relationship between word and miracle?
9. Why did God have people cross the Jordan at the flood stage? (vs. 14-17)
10. When “you have never been this way before, ” what do you need most? A guide...a miracle...a signpost. . .a small group. . . Where in your life do you need these right now?
11. In what way can you personally consecrate yourself for the “amazing things” in your life God wants you to do?

# **TRUSTING GOD IN LIFE'S CHANGES**

## **Trusting God In Difficult Times Pt. 1**

