



Standing At Our Jordan – Part 5

“THE EDGE”

Joshua 3:1-15 (8;15)

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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

Have you ever been on the edge?

What movie have you seen that kept you on the edge of your seat?

Or

What situation in your life that has put you on edge?

A. WORD DEFINED – “EDGE”

A thin, sharpened side, as of the blade of a cutting instrument.

The degree of sharpness of a cutting blade.

A slight but noticeable sharpness, harshness, or discomforting quality: *His voice had an edge to it.*

Keeness, as of desire or enjoyment; zest: *The brisk walk gave an edge to my appetite.*

The point at which something is likely to begin: **Joshua 3:15**

To advance or push slightly or gradually

In a state of keen excitement

B. On edge/edgy - Highly tense or nervous; irritable/ short-tempered

All blessings of God will place us at **“the edge”**. That should be met with, anticipation, excitement, or that something is likely to begin. But, many times there is an interruption or interference of hearing and doing the will of God **before we get to “the edge” of our breakthrough.**

Let’s use the movie example.... Some people will talk us off the edge of excitement due to their interference during the movie, **or** we believe something was going to happen and how it was going to happen and in that interruption of thought we miss a detail or a few. And from that we become **“edgy”**.

Note our text of Joshua 3:1-15

Every command, every detail, and movement while they were in camp was important just to get them to **“the edge”** of the Jordan.

I. GETTING TO THE EDGE

They Had Too Follow The “MAN” – Joshua 1:1-11

Joshua had a promise in God’s stated purpose – Joshua 1:3

Joshua had the promise of God’s presence. – Joshua 1:5

Joshua had the promise of God’s faithfulness. – Joshua 1:6

They Had Too Follow The “COMMANDS” – Joshua 1:10-11; 3:1-15

By this, God began to demonstrate that He was with Joshua and with this generation.

II. “AT The Edge” – Joshua 3:14

To understand the scene described we must imagine the band of priests with the ark on their shoulders, ***standing on the depressed, disheartened edge of the river, while the mass of the people were at a mile’s distance.*** Suddenly the whole bed of the river was dried up; a spectacle the more extraordinary in that it took place in the time of harvest, corresponding to our **April or May—when “the Jordan overflowing of all its banks.”**

The original words may be more properly rendered **“fills all its banks.”** Its channel, snow-fed from Lebanon, was at its greatest height—brimful; a translation which gives the only true description of the state of Jordan in harvest as observed by modern travelers.

The river about Jericho is, in ordinary appearance, **about fifty or sixty yards in breadth.** But as seen in harvest, it is twice as broad (**which means the river appearance was 100 – 120 yards wide**) **not including the fierceness (having or displaying an intensity of the water’s flow);** and in ancient times, when the hills on the right and left were much more drenched with rain and snow than since the forests have disappeared, the river must, from a greater accession of water, have been broader still than at harvest-time in the present day.

At the water’s edge, they were “on edge”

Remember “on edge/edgy is; Highly tense or nervous; irritable/ short-tempered/ cantankerous that is; difficult, unreasonable. Many times, seeing what we are seeing in our situation, making us edgy.

Closing – Joshua 3:14-15

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A. A Few Things

1) The Leaders Saw, The People Crossed – By Faith – Joshua 3:16-17

2 Corinthians 5:7

21st Century King James Version

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:6

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⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him. For he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2) Interruptions and Interference moves us from the place of **“Faith” to “Sight”**

We cut in line – Joshua 3:1-16

3) **REMEMBER**

God the Lord

God is the almighty ruler

He is Lord of all the earth

God, the Lord, delivers his people and cares for them

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NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, COME TO JESUS, NOW!!!!