



Standing at Our Jordan, A Time Transition
Joshua 3:1-17
Part 1
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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

I. DEFINING - “Transition”

It is, passage from one state, stage, subject, or place to another: **change** a movement, development, or evolution from one form, stage, or style to another. It is Changeover, Conversion, Shift, Alteration, and Modification.

Romans 12:1-2

Contemporary English Version

Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. ²Don't be like the people of this world, **but let God change the way you think**. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

Understand;

Standing at the Red Sea was going to end 430 years of slavery, standing on the banks of the Jordan river meant, 40 years of wilderness existence was ending.

- a. **The end of 40 years of walking in a circle going nowhere fast;**
- b. **The end of striving and never arriving;**
- c. **The end of walking by sight**
- d. **The end of Independent living**
- e. **The end of never being assured of victory over the enemy**

Emmaus, we are standing at our Jordan of Transition

II. A FEW THINGS ABOUT TRANSITION TIME

- a. **Transition time is for the most part bittersweet experience. It can be freedom and fear all at the same time.**
- b. **It is scary to go from trusting our own resources and ourselves for life, to trusting God for life.**
- c. **From our own do-it-yourself projects to trusting God to do it for us and through us.**

The issue before us in this section of Joshua 3:1-8, is what was going on with them in this time of transition, **BEFORE** they cross over from wilderness living to Canaan living?

III. TRANSITION, BEFORE THE CROSSING – Joshua 3:1

A. Amazement - Astonishment and surprise are frequent responses to the actions and words of God and Jesus Christ.

- 1) **Amazement at God's actions - His marvelous deeds**

Psalm 98:1

1 O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.

Joshua 3:5

5 Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

B. Basis on Assurance - The assurance of believers is based upon the certain knowledge of God revealed in creation and His mighty acts in history, upon the certainty of His promises, the vindication/ justification/ evidence and resurrection of Christ and the inward testimony and outward demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Assurance is based upon the certain knowledge of God
- 2) Assurance comes from knowing God through His mighty acts
- 3) Assurance is based upon the certainty of God's word
- 4) Assurance because of God's oath
- 5) Assurance because of God's promise
- 6) Assurance because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- 7) Assurance comes through the work of the Holy Spirit
- 8) Assurance based upon the testimony of God's people

C. Certainty - A sure knowledge or conviction that **what is believed is true and trustworthy**. Christian certainty does not arise from the **credulity/trust** (the readiness or willingness to believe especially on slight or uncertain evidence) of the believer, **but is based on the faithfulness and trustworthiness of God.**

- 1) Affirmations and statements of certainty

Job 19:25

25 "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

- 2) Certainty in God - Because of his character
- 3) Certainty about who Jesus Christ is
- 4) Certainty of salvation

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,
who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

- 5) Certainty gained through obedience
- 6) Certainty in prayer

1 John 5:14-15

14 This is the confidence/certainty which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

1 John 5:14-15

Common English Bible (CEB)

14 This is the confidence that we have in our relationship with God: If we ask for anything in agreement with his will, he listens to us. 15 If we know that he listens to whatever we ask, we know that we have received what we asked from him.

CLOSING – Joshua 3:1-4

Amazement

Basis on Assurance

Certainty

Our Text for today, Joshua 3:1 says this

Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim.
And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel,
and lodged there **before they passed over.**