

A Place Called FORWARD

PART TWO **A NEW WAY**

*"...That you may know the way by which you must go,
for you have not passed this way before." Joshua 3:4*

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John 14:1

*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And **where I go you know, and the way you know.***

John 14:5

*Thomas said to Him, "Lord, **we do not know** where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

When Jesus says **you KNOW something**, that knowledge is never wrapped inside of your knowledge and personal experience.

When you KNOW Jesus, You know the way.

Philippians 4:8

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy** —**meditate on these things.***

A Lesson on Going in a New Way From Israel and Joshua

Joshua 3:1

Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp

Joshua 3:3

*And they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a **space between you and it**, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, **that you may know** the way by which you must go, **for you have not passed this way before.**"*

Forward = New Ways

Firm Foundation = Unchanging Principles

There are lessons to learn from the story of Israel under the leadership of Joshua as they faced **another barrier of water**. The first was the Red Sea, this time the Jordan River.

We've been dealing with the barrier of a **pandemic**. By learning and moving together they overcame it. That's the key word, **"TOGETHER."**

Key #1

Live in Resurrection Power Relationship

Philippians 3:10 (NLT)

*I want to know Christ and **experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead**. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!*

Key #2

Small Things Matter

Luke 16:10

*He who is **faithful in what is least** is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore **if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?** 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, **who will give you what is your own?***

Key #3

God has Prepared You For Every Challenge and Opportunity in Front of you



Joshua 3:1,

*Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and **lodged there before they crossed over.***

5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people."

Key #4

Pay Attention

Joshua 3:2

*So it was, after three days, that the **officers went through the camp**; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be **a space between you and it**, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for **you have not passed this way before.***

Key #5

Stand in the Water

Joshua 3:8

*You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, **you shall stand in the Jordan.**' "*

Key #6

When You Change, Your
Circumstances will Change
The Power of Today

Joshua 3:13

*And it shall come to pass, as soon as **the soles of the feet of the priests** who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that **the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off**, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap.*

Key #7

You Don't Have to See or Understand
Everything That Helps You

Application:

1. What is your New Normal?
2. In what small things are you faithful?
3. How has God prepared you?
4. In what ways do you need to pay attention?
5. In what do you need to stand right now?