SERMON NOTES October 1, 2006

How The Promised Land Was Won

A Study of Joshua

Getting Past Your Jordan: The Battle with Giant Rivers of Difficulty Joshua 3-4

Living lessons from the Red Sea to the Jordan River:

- For all believers there is an <u>exit from Egypt</u> –a type of the salvation experience
- For all believers there is an <u>experience in the wilderness</u>—a type of baby steps and baby food for a new believer.
- For all believers there is an <u>expected confrontation with difficulty</u>—a faith step across a seeming river of great difficulty.

How to take a faith step across you river of difficulty:

1. Examine the message (3:1-13)

- Wait on God (Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!;)
- Follow God (v. 3)
- Honor God (Keep your distance! (v. 4)
- Sanctify yourself (Romans 6:11-14)
- Show commitment to God's commitment (Joshua 1:2,11; 3:5)

2. Expect a miracle (3:11-17)

- Face the Problem.
- Follow the plan
 - Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
- Find God's power. (v. 16). Faith honors God and God honors faith.

3. Erect a <u>memorial</u> (4:1-24)

- Remind our children of God's power. (vs. 5-7; 21-24; Psalm 78:1-7; Psalm 71:17-18
- Remind our people of God faithfulness. (vs. 4:18-20)