

New Ground: Remember Joshua 3-4

God is leading our lives. He goes before us, he prepares the path and he calls us to join the journey.
What will give us confidence for the future? God's faithfulness in the past.

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."
— G.K. Chesterton , What's Wrong with the World

REMEMBER : God is Leading

- God is moving

Joshua 3 (ESV)

³and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.

⁴Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."

"You cannot stay the way you are and go with God."

— Henry Blackaby

REMEMBER: God is leading into torrents

- God leads us to the brink...

"Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do?

The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory;

"..if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world."

— Henry Blackaby , Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day

- God puts us in the torrent

"Our vision is so limited we can hardly imagine a love that does not show itself in protection from suffering.... The love of God did not protect His own Son.... He will not necessarily protect us – not from anything it takes to make us like His Son. A lot of hammering and chiseling and purifying by fire will have to go into the process."

-- Elisabeth Elliot

REMEMBER: God's Leading is Inspiring

- Inspire the future with the past