

## The Power of Presence, Posture, and a Pile of Rocks...

*Joshua 1:10-11*

*Joshua 3:2-6; 9-13; 17- 4:6*

I want to talk to you today about... The power of presence, posture, and the pile of rocks... let's pray...

I have been truly feeling like it is time for us for lack of a better phrase to "get ready"...things are changing in... the way things have been going have been changing and for some of us God is starting to call us into new things and to walk a new way some of us have not walked before...

It's fitting that the Jordan crossing is a depiction of Baptism because I believe God is calling so many of us to surrender and look to a newness in our lives and an obedience in Jesus like we've not known before... because He is opening a door to forward...

**In order to see these things happen I want you to know we need and will have to walk with the following things:**

### + The Power of Presence

Where God is... (presence) - *Joshua 3:3-4*

I don't know about you... I want to be where and involved in life where God is moving and we encounter and are led by His presence in our lives....

*Exodus 33:14-16*

When God moves, we should follow... Why do we try to go without him? Why would we want to go if he's not moving with us...

We should note:

- the Presence went first... *Joshua 3:14*
- The Presence opened the door... *Joshua 3:11*
- The Presence will keep you safe... *Joshua 3:17-4:1a*

We must fix our eyes and follow/pursue the very presence of Jesus no matter where we are but especially when we are trying to move forward in His purpose and promise...

### + The Power of Posture

Posture sets us up for how we are involved and offer ourselves to Gods Purpose... the priests and the people all had instructions....

*Joshua 1:11 - Are we ready?*

*Are we obedient? - Joshua 3:3; 3:8; Joshua 4:10*

The posture and position of obedience place a big role in the process of God moving... obedience steps out... obedience is for when God speaks... not for when we feel the time is right...

i.e.) ...the river was at its highest flood time... - *Joshua 3:15*

Obedience leads us to follow even when we aren't sure, aren't sold, or feel like it's inconvenient...

Are we committed? - *Joshua 3:16-17*

i.e.) ...they had to wait for the waters to flow out before the ground was dry...

Our posture should be in step and in time with Gods moving... even when we feel like he's not moving fast enough...

### **+ The Pile of Rocks**

*Joshua 4:8-9*

*Joshua 4:21-24*

The pile of rocks is important... it's important because it always points to something beyond us... It points to how big God is.... How faithful he's been... how far we've come... and how deeply we can trust Him as we go forward...

i.e.) ...It might just look like a pile of junk... it might just look like a pile of circumstances... but it means something

**Q. What's in your pile... What reminds you of what Gods Done?**

### **Conclusion:**

There is a moving in the Spirit for Gods people to be ready... and I believe many are being asked to journey a spiritual baptism into a new life/land of how we walk with Jesus... and to do this we must be a people of His Presence... we must posture ourselves differently... and our testimony is about to change so people see and hear this is about us but about what God has done and is doing...