SERMON NOTES

November 14 & 15, 2026

One More Celebration Weekend: Almost

Main Idea: God wants to lead me from the land of _____ to the land of _____.

Genesis 12:1-3

Bible Study:

1. The Israelites who cross the Jordan are the ones who _____.

Joshua 3:1-8

2. God waited to roll back the river until _____.

Joshua 3:15-16

3. The stack of stones is a generational reminder of _____.

Joshua 4:1-3, 6-7

- _____ is a marker of God's faithfulness in our life.

4. The stack of stones is a forever reminder that the God of Israel is _____

_____.

Joshua 4:24

5. **Joshua (Yeshua) Vs Jesus**

- Joshua leads his people through the water into _____; Jesus leads his people through _____.

- Joshua stands _____ so that people can cross over; Jesus stands in _____ so that we can cross from death to life.

- Joshua's stones point to _____; Jesus has an empty tomb with the stone rolled away to prove _____.

Life Steps

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Monday **Joshua 3:1-3**

Reflect: Israel stands on the edge of the Jordan after generations of waiting for God to do what he promised. What is the promise you have been waiting on the Lord to fulfill? Where do you relate to the tension between promise and fear?
Prayer: God, thank you for making good on your promises. Help me to trust you in the waiting.

Tuesday **Joshua 3:1-5**

Reflect: Joshua tells the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." What would change in your life if you expected God to move?
Prayer: God, help me not to stay stuck in the "almost" when you are inviting me into obedience.

Wednesday **Joshua 3:6-13**

Reflect: The priests had to step into the water before the river parted. Why do you think God asks for obedience before he provides clarity and direction?
Prayer: God, thank you for meeting me at the river, not with shame, but with the invitation to be obedient.

Thursday **Joshua 3:14-17**

Reflect: Consider this phrase, "Faith is not what you feel on the bank. Faith is what you believe enough to get your feet wet." What is the difference between believing something privately and believing something publicly?
Prayer: God of new beginnings, dislodge my stuck feet from the sand of fear so I might live with the hope-filled faith that you will make good on your promises.

Friday **Joshua 4:1-9**

Reflect: God tells the people to stack stones so that future generations would ask, "What do these stones mean?" Why do you think God cares so much about his people remembering?
Prayer: God, give me courage to get my feet wet, faith to trust you before I see the whole path, and gratitude to remember the places where you have brought me through.

Saturday **Joshua 4:10-14**

Reflect: Joshua led Israel through the river into the Promised Land, but Jesus leads us through death into eternal life. How does seeing Jesus as the "greater Joshua" deepen the meaning of this story?
Prayer: God, thank you that Jesus has already crossed what we could never cross on our own, and that through his life, death, and resurrection, we are offered forgiveness, freedom, and new life. Pray for our God to touch lives during our Saturday night worship service.

Sunday **Joshua 4:15-24**

Reflect: The stack of stones in the river is not just a reminder for Israel, but a forever reminder that the God of Israel is the God of the entire world. List as many people as you can who might need a reminder of who God is.
Prayer: Pray for the hearts of the people you named. Ask God to make you ready to help them get connected to his saving love. Pray for our Sunday morning worship services.