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God faithfully
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Recap the series:

- Joshua is an Israelite who was a slave in Egypt
- He was an assistant to Moses
- Not the “typical” leader
- Got to take part in cool things
 - A spy into Canaan



Genesis 17:7-8

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”



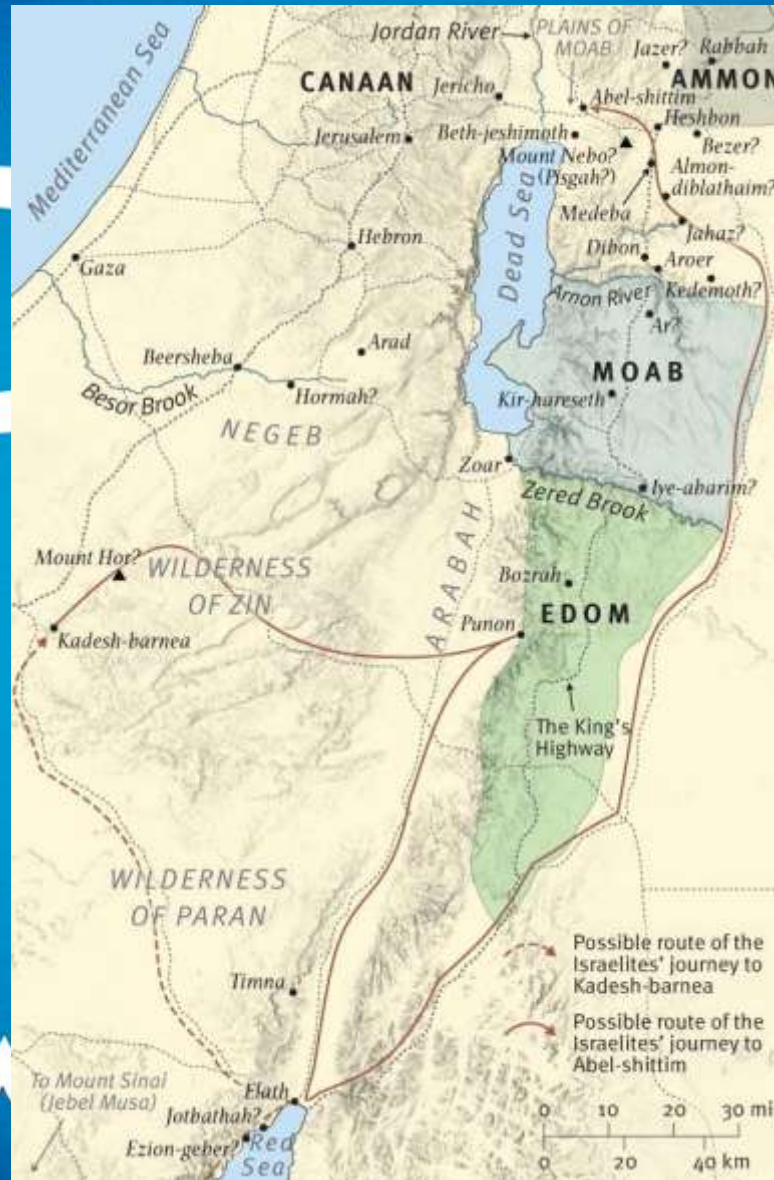
Joshua 1:2

“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.”



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Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged here before they passed over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and 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. Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2000 Cubits in length

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Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of Israel, that they may know,

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As I was with Moses so I will be with you. And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant,

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“When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan”

When you reach the edge of the Jordan, wade in the waters of the river.

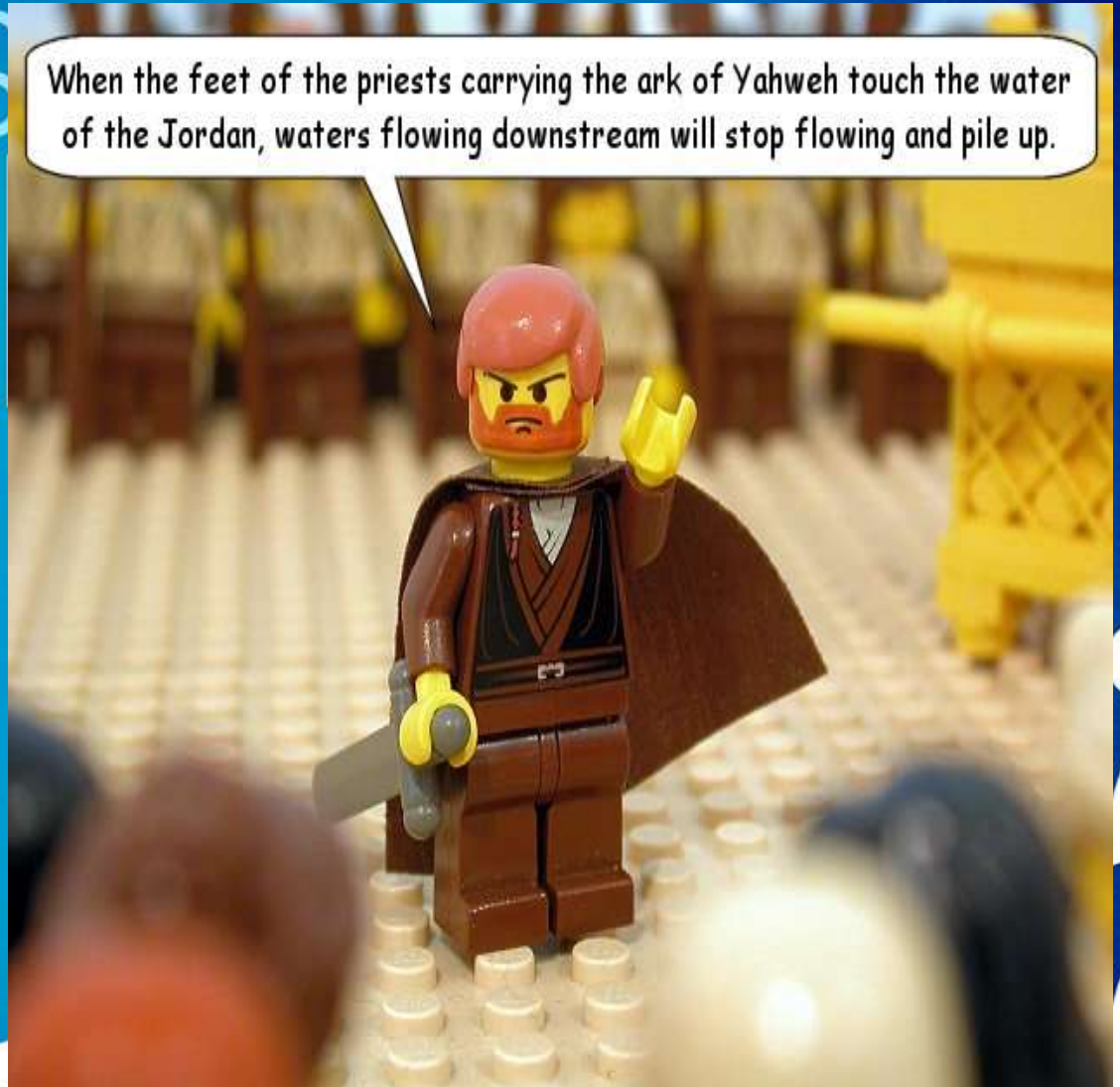


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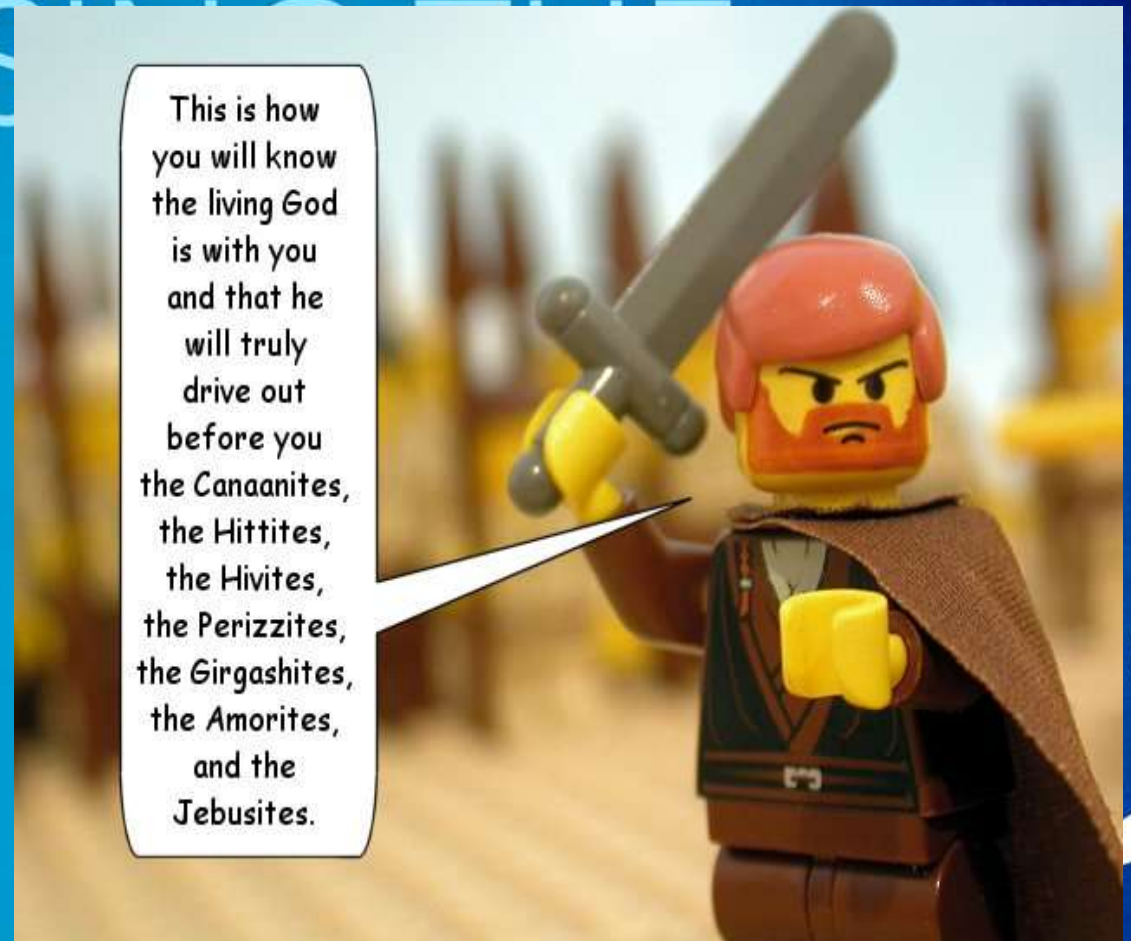
And Joshua said to the People of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God."

When the feet of the priests carrying the ark of Yahweh touch the water of the Jordan, waters flowing downstream will stop flowing and pile up.



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And Joshua said,
“Here is how you
shall know that the
living God is among
you and the he will
without fail drive
out from before you
the Canaanites, the
Hittites, Hivites,
Perizzites,
Girgashites
Amourites and the
Jebusites.



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Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, and the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, The waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”



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So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the Priests bearing the ark of the Covenant before the people,



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And as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water



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The waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam the city that is beside Zarethan



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and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.



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Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan,



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and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.



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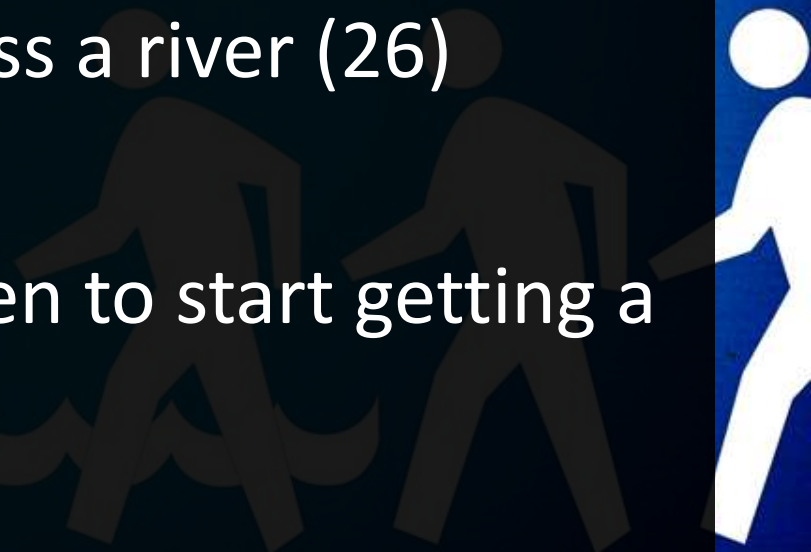
Theme 1

God's Leadership of His people

a. What do we know from this Story?

- Israel is against huge opposition
- 7 other nations/peoples to defeat
- Over 1,000,000 Had to cross a river (26)

My response would have been to start getting a plan together



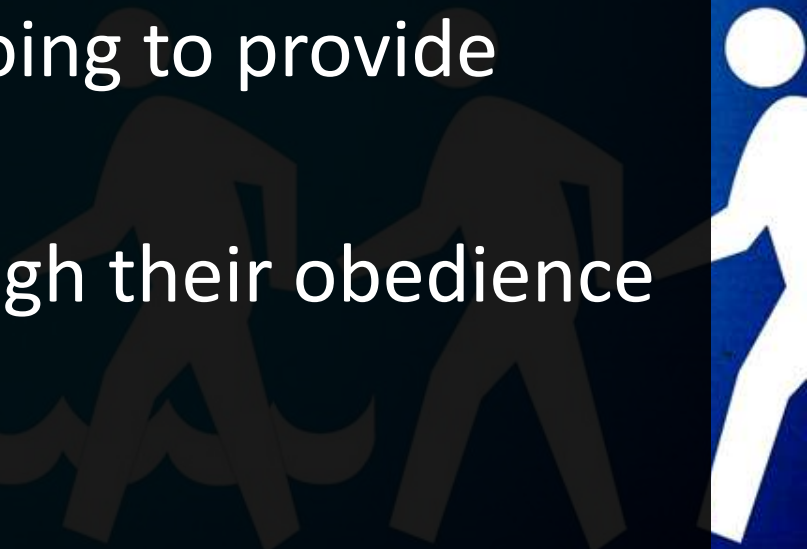
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b. Joshua follows God's instruction exactly

- When the Ark goes....you go
- Stay back 800 meters
- When you get to the Jordan....get in

God doesn't say how He is going to provide what He promised

Israel shows their trust through their obedience to God



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2. What then, does God require of His people as He leads them

a. The first thing is to embrace God's leadership

- We can't expect God to lead us if we don't allow Him to.
- We have an easier time placing our trust in ourselves



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b. God as our leader requires at times that we step out in faith.

- They have to get into the water before it stops flowing.
- God has a track record for doing miraculous and unusual things.

The Red Sea is Similar to this

- Do we recount the good things that God has done in the past to help us to trust him Today?



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- c. Part of embracing God as leader means embracing His anointed
 - This was in part to exalt Joshua as leader
 - God uses these leaders to direct us as a whole

God being the leader of His people and His people being obedient and trusting to follow Him DOES NOT change in the new testament.

Let's ask the big question! SO WHAT?

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