



When God Works Upstream

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Big Idea: When we're willing to walk by faith and do as God instructs, God can do immeasurably more than we even imagine.

Text: Joshua 3:13-17

...as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. – Joshua 3:15b-17

I. GOD WORKED UPSTREAM IN _____ OF WHAT WAS GOING TO OCCUR.

"... I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."
– Isaiah 46:9b-11

II. GOD WORKED UPSTREAM EVEN THOUGH THE NEED WASN'T AS _____ AS IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY.

"...if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." – Matthew 17:20b

III. GOD WORKED UPSTREAM BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO _____.

Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God."
– Joshua 3:9

God has commanded us _____ on possessions.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. – 1 Timothy 6:17

God commands us _____ to Him at least ten percent of what we earn.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” – Malachi 3:10

God has commanded us _____ to those in need.

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? – 1 John 3:17

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” – Luke 6:38

Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” – Joshua 3:5

MEMORY VERSE

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