

- “No temptation has overtaken **you** () but such as is common to man;
- And God is faithful, who will not allow **you** () to be tempted beyond what **you** () are able,
- But with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that **you** () may be able to endure it.” (1 Cor.10:13/ personalize it by adding your first name)

The spiritually advancing Believer’s life (ph.II) will consist of a series of many conflicts / challenges regarding the **faith cycle**: “Behold, the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you in the Jordan.” (Josh.3:11)

- **Do you have a Jordan in your life at this time?** _____

3. The Lord had spiritually prepared these believers to cross the Jordan River by faith alone.

“Then Joshua said to the people, ‘consecrate (qadash / hithpael imp) yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders (pala / niphal ptc) [extraordinary / beyond one’s power] among you.’”(Josh.3:5; Rom.4:21)

God put them in a situation that only HE (alone) could solve. At this point, they could complain and blame like their parents (Heb.3:8) or they could take on the grace attitude of Caleb. (Num.14:30; Josh.14:9-14).

The reason they were to follow the Ark of the Covenant is given in Josh.3:4: “However, there shall be between you and it is a distance of about 2000 cubits (3000 feet) by measure. Do not come near it that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” (Josh.3:4)

- Note a special Hebrew phrase in this verse: “**For you have not passed** (lo abar / kal pf) **this way** (be derek) [**before - before**] (two Hebrew words – temol [**formerly**] and shileshom [**previously, aforeside**].” (Josh.3:4)

They are privileged to be the ones to fulfil the land section of the Abrahamic covenant (Gen.12:1-3). It was the second Exodus generation of Believers who were faced with the Jordan test.

From Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Exodus, the walk of faith was required to reach and occupy the Promised Land (2 Cor.5:7).

4. God provided a miraculous way to cross the Jordan:

“with the temptation will provide the way of escape.” (1 Cor.10:13) (Ps.114:3; Joshua 3:13-17; 4:22-24)

There is no situation or test in your life too great for the omnipotence of God: “for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” (Josh.3:5)

The Lord could have planned a normal crossing, but He didn’t. Why?

Josh.4:14, 23-24 and 5:1 give four reasons. Write the answers on this blank line.

Joshua _____.

All the peoples of the earth _____.

That you may _____.

Kings occupying the land _____.