

od used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt; however, during the lifetime of Moses, they never made it to the promised land. For years they wandered, complaining that God was not meeting their needs, grumbling and living in fear of their future. They had a glimpse of the life God had called them to live but were never quite able to take advantage of it. (Does this sound familiar?)

Moses died and leadership passed to Joshua. It became Joshua's responsibility to lead God's people to the promised land. God told Joshua to get moving, but there was a problemthe Jordan River. In Joshua 3:12-13, God instructs Joshua to "have the priests carry the Ark of the Lord into the Jordan ahead of the people, and when the priests step into the water, the river will stop flowing and stand up in a heap." Verse 15 tells us that the river is in flood stage, which means it is overflowing and moving rapidly. How would this young leader ever convince the people to trust God enough to step into a flooded, fast moving river?

Many times God puts us in situations that make no sense to us. God asks us to do things that we think are impossible, and without His power they are. Sometimes, God wants us to take the first step. Perhaps God is testing

our trust or teaching us to fully rely on Him and His promises. God makes the same promise to us that He made to the Israelites, "If you trust me, if you'll follow me, I'll be with you. I've already gone ahead of you. My power will be available for you. You're not going to undertake the rest of your life on the power of just your own resources."

Like Joshua, you too may stand before a River Jordan. Is there some obstacle that is preventing you from living generously and giving generously? Maybe God is waiting for you to step into the water and watch for His awesome power and His faithfulness. We have to take the risk, the step of faith, and trust God to be able to live the generous life He has designed and desires for us.

With God's help, you can overcome whatever is preventing you from experiencing the life God desires for you. God will release His power when we trust Him enough to let Him control our finances and all other aspects of our lives. Experience the power and blessings of all of me

in response to all of Him.

--From Plan B by author, Pete Wilson



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"For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

