

God Is With Us

Joshua 3:1-4

Have you ever felt lost?

Have you ever felt like you were going a way you had never gone before?

...and you have felt afraid

In these difficult days in our country, we may feel we are going a way we have not gone before

I. The Israelites in Joshua 3

A. 40 years had passed since they rejected the Holy Land

B. They had wandered in the wilderness until the generation that rebelled against God had died

II. In Joshua 3, the people are on the eastern shore of the Jordan River

A. "They had never been this way before" Joshua 3:4

1. The Jordan was at flood stage Joshua 3:15

2. The land ahead had giants
walled cities
entrenched peoples

3. The fears and anxiety of the people were real

B. In a way, we *have not gone this way before*

1. We have never faced these present difficulties before

2. Many people becoming sick

Dire warnings from the government

Uncertainty of what is next

III. Don't fear

Be of Good Courage.....God is with us

A. God would be with the Israelites

1. Joshua 1:5

Joshua 1:6

Joshua 1:7

Joshua 1:9

2. "for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

B. God will be with Us

1. Thru These difficult days..... He Will go with us thru the trouble
2. God will be there day by day thru days of uncertainty

C. The Israelites could know and see that God's Presence went with them

1. Joshua 3:4

Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it

2. They were to keep their distance from the ark of the Lord as it passed into the Jordan....

- the Ark was the throne of the Holy, Holy, Holy God

- the distance between the Ark and the people would allow the 2 million people

to see

to see..... that God was going before them: stopping the flow of Jordan

going into a land that needed to be conquered

3. We can know that God's presence goes before us

- we have His precious Word Of God to see

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Matthew 6:34

“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

- We have His indwelling Holy Spirit

Galatians 4:6

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

In these difficult days, always remember three things

God loves you..... God loves you dearly

God sent His Son To die for your sins; To turn you from judgment and to give life and hope

You can trust Christ as your personal Savior and place all your fears on Him

John 3:16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.