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~ *SERMON NOTES* ~

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SERMON SERIES: *“It’s Time to Make Your Move”*

SERMON TITLE: *“God Can Do It Again.”*

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 3:1-17

THEME: *God did it again.*

INTRODUCTION: He did for Joshua and his people what he had done for Moses and his people. He parted the waters and made it possible for them to pass through. He will do it for YOU!

Today, we'll look at the story of Joshua and the Israelites and the Jordan River. We'll divide the story into three parts.

I. The OBSTACLE

(v. 1) Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing.

(v. 2-3) Three days later, the Israelite leaders went through the camp these instructions to the people...

II. THE MIRACLE

1. Get yourself ready.

(v. 5) Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you."

2. Get your feet wet.

(v. 8) "Give these instructions to the priests who are carrying the Ark of the Covenant: 'When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river and stop.'"

(v. 13) "The priests will be carrying the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. When their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will pile up there in one heap."

(v. 15) Now it was harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, the water began piling up at a town upstream...

3. Get behind the right people.

(v. 12) Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. The priests will be carrying the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. When their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream...

(v. 3) "When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, follow them. Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you."

III. THE SPECTACLE

(v. 16) The water began piling up at a town upstream called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the city of Jericho.

(v. 7) "Today I will begin to make you great in the eyes of all the Israelites. Now they will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses."