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The Crossing takes us on a journey of faith

- to go where God leads
- that takes risks
- that compels us to take steps of faith

The Crossing takes you on a journey of freedom from the bondage of...

- the past
- bad habits
- worldly expectations

The Crossing takes you on a journey of fulfillment

- for a life pleasing to God
- in our relationships
- to make a difference

The Crossing

But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually *dying* for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. **Colossians 1:22 (MSG)**

The Crossing takes you to a place of _____

For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 11:31a (ESV)

The Crossing takes you to a place of _____

⁹ So Joshua told the Israelites, "Come and listen to what the LORD your God says. ¹⁰ Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Gergashites, Amorites, and Jebusites ahead of you.

Joshua 3:9-10 (NLT)

The Crossing always includes _____

¹¹ Look, the Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! ... ¹³ The priests will carry the Ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall." ¹⁴ So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ It was the 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, ¹⁶ the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry.

Joshua 3:11, 13-16a (NLT)

The Crossing is a _____

Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho. ¹⁷ Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD's Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground. **Joshua 3:16b-17 (NLT)**

The Crossing serves as...

- a _____

¹ When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² "Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. ³ Tell them, 'Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.'" ⁴ So Joshua

called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. ⁵He told them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. **Joshua 4:1-5 (NLT)**

- a _____

⁶We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.” ⁸So the men did as Joshua had commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River, one for each tribe, just as the LORD had told Joshua. They carried them to the place where they camped for the night and constructed the memorial there. ⁹Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing. And they are there to this day. **Joshua 4:6-9 (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and or meditate on Colossians 1:22
- Rest on the certainty of God’s promises, blessing and presence in my life journey.
- Commit to be a willing partner wherever God leads me.
- Take the crossing from a life separated from God to a life surrendered to him as I repent of my sin and invite Jesus to become my Savior and Lord.