

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a castle silhouette against a deep blue twilight sky. The castle features multiple towers and battlements, with some foliage visible on the right side.

FEAR

Joshua 1

1 Now after the death of His servant Moses, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying,

2 "Moses My servant is dead.

Now therefore arise, you and all these people, and cross over the Jordan into the land that I am giving to the children of Israel.

3 I have given you every place where the sole of your foot will tread, just as I promised to Moses.

Joshua 1

5 No one shall stand against you all the days of your life.

As I was with Moses, so will I be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall give these people the inheritance of the land that I swore to their fathers I would give them.

7 Above all, be strong and very courageous.

Deuteronomy 28

7 The LORD will cause the enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you.

They will march out against you in one direction but flee from you in seven.

Joshua 23

9 The LORD has driven out great and powerful nations before you, and to this day no one can stand against you.

10 One of you can put a thousand to flight, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as He promised.

Joshua 1

9 Have I not commanded you to be strong and courageous?

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people:

11 “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for within three days you will cross the Jordan to go in and take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’ ”

Joshua 2

8 Before the spies lay down for the night,
Rahab went up on the roof 9 and said to them,
“I know that the LORD has given you this land
and that the fear of you has fallen on us,
so that all who dwell in the land are melting in
fear of you.

Joshua 2

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt,

and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites across the Jordan, whom you devoted to destruction.

11 When we heard this, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth below.

Joshua 2

24“The LORD has surely delivered the entire land into our hands,” they said to Joshua.

“Indeed, all who dwell in the land are melting in fear of us.”

Joshua 3

9 So Joshua told the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.”

10 He continued, “This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that He will surely drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go ahead of you into the Jordan.

Joshua 3

12 Now choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

13 When the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—touch down in the waters of the Jordan, its flowing waters will be cut off and will stand up in a heap.”

Joshua 3

15 Now the Jordan overflows its banks throughout the harvest season.

But as soon as the priests carrying the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge,

16 the flowing water stood still.

It backed up as far upstream as Adam, a city in the area of Zarethan, while the water flowing toward the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off.

So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

Joshua 3

17 The priests carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel crossed over the dry ground, until the entire nation had crossed the Jordan.

Joshua 4

15 Then the LORD said to Joshua,

16 “Command the priests who carry the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan.”

17 So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up from the Jordan.”

18 When the priests carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up out of the Jordan and their feet touched the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their course and overflowed all the banks as before.

Joshua 5

1 Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and their spirits failed for fear of the Israelites.

Comparing the Red Sea crossing To the Jordan River crossing

Red Sea

**Came after 400 years of slavery.
Led them into the wilderness.
Took place 3 days after the Passover.
Pillar of Cloud went behind them.
They were commanded to stand still.
The water opened and then they went.
Was a defensive maneuver.
Their enemies were behind them.
It saved them from their enemies.
They were afraid of their enemies.
They left dead Egyptians on the bottom.
They left their enemies behind.
Were very afraid.**

Jordan River

**Came after 40 years of judgement.
Led them into the Promised Land.
Took place 4 days before the Passover.
The Ark went before them.
They were commanded to step in.
They went and then the water opened.
Was an offensive maneuver.
Their enemies were before them.
It enabled them to conquer their enemies.
Their enemies were afraid of them.
They left 12 stones on the bottom.
They left themselves behind.
Were strong and courageous.**

A Focus on FEAR

God's solution for fear is...

... not a fix, a system, a technique, a plan to follow

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Romans 6

1 What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin so that grace may increase?

2 Certainly not!

How can we who died to sin live in it any longer?

3 Or aren't you aware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life.

Romans 6

5 For if we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

6 We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

7 For anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Romans 6

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

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