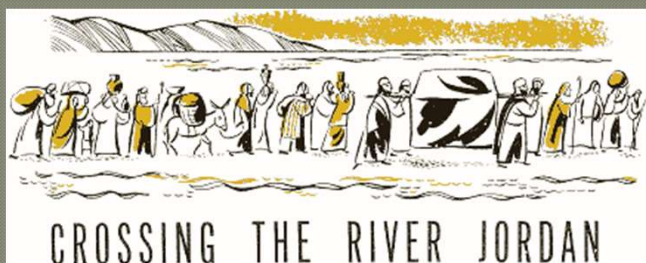


## Crossing the river of your fear

Joshua 3:1-5:1



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Previously...

- **Joshua 1 – Joshua**
  - Be strong and very courageous
- **Joshua 2 – Rahab**
  - God's plan includes all kinds of people

2

## What's coming next?

- Joshua 5-12 – some serious battles ahead
  - Jericho
  - Ai
  - Gibeon
  - Jerusalem
  - Hebron
  - Lachish
  - Etc.
- 31 kings defeated!



3

## Why cross?

- 1:2 – to enter the land promised
  - to God's people Israel



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## Why cross?

- 4:23-24 – to display God's power
  - to all nations
  - to God's people



5

## What makes you fearful?



6

## 'Fear' in our story

- Were the Israelites afraid as they crossed?
  - Chapters 3-4
  - No mention of their fear!
- But who was afraid?
  - 2:24 & 5:1
  - God's enemies!



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## 12 stones

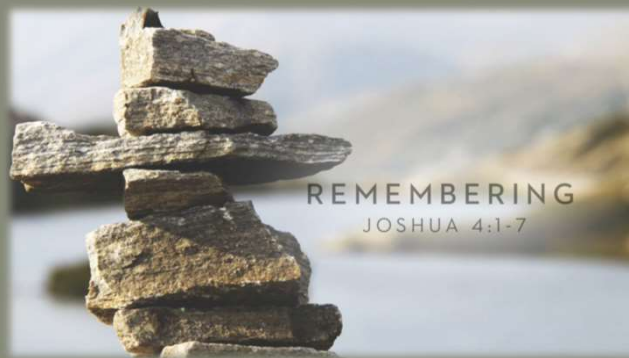
- Huge part of the story:
  - 3:12 - before
  - 4:1-9 - during
  - 4:19-23 - after
- Visual reminder



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## Remember remember!

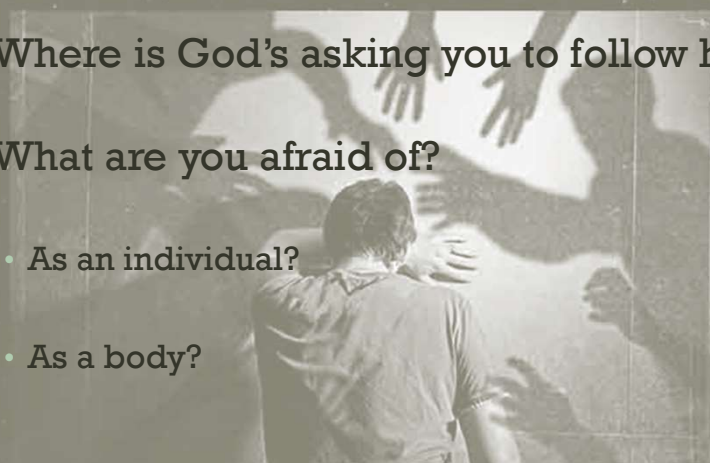
- You can't move forward without looking back!



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## What about you?

- Where is God's asking you to follow him?
- What are you afraid of?
  - As an individual?
  - As a body?



10

## Follow him with confidence!

- You can trust him
- Step out in faith



11

## If you want to see God's glory ...

- ...you have to get your feet wet!



12

# Wade in the Water

**WADE IN THE WATER**  
(A favorite melody among Southern Baptists while a baptism is in progress.)

**Jordan's water is chilly and cold,**  
Wade in the wa - ter, Wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
**God's gonna trouble the water,**  
Wade in the wa - ter, **It chills the body, but not the soul,**  
God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter.

**Refrain: God's gonna trouble the water**

**Wade in the water,** See that band all dressed in white, God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter, The  
Wade in the water, children, Look over Jordan, What do I see? God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter, Looks  
Wade in the water, You don't believe I've been robbin' God? God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter, Just  
**God's gonna trouble the water** like the band that Mo - ses led, God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter.  
Ho - ly Ghost a - coming on me, God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter.  
Plow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a-going to trouble the wa - ter.