

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that our faith is demonstrated through obedience.

2. To understand that when we believe and follow the Word of God, God will surely give us His power.

Open Your Heart



Have you ever had a prayer that was similar to this? If so, write it down.

Write down what you think God's answer to such a prayer would be.



Understanding Today's Lesson

After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites were finally encamped in front of the Jordan River. This was the last gateway before they could enter the land of Canaan, the land that they dreamed of and so longed for. Joshua, who succeeded Moses as the new leader of the Israelites, gathered the Israelites before the Jordan River and gave them three days to sanctify themselves. This was because sanctification is the most important thing for the work of God to be revealed. Also, Joshua commanded the priests to bear the Ark of the Covenant and go before the people. This represented the fact that God was the one leading the Israelites, and that all that the Israelites had to do was follow the Ark of the Covenant from behind with an obedient heart.

The time of the year when the Israelites crossed over the Jordan was during the time of harvest for grain and barley. During this time, the Jordan River would overflow and cover the nearby banks and hills due to the spring rain and melted snow that would enter the river. For the people of Israel to cross the river when it was at this state was simply impossible. However, through the great power of God, the Jordan river stood still and rose in a heap so that the Israelites could walk on dry land to cross the river. Through this miracle, God testified to the Israelites that He was with Joshua just as He had been with Moses. When God divided the Red Sea, He first divided the waters of the sea. However, when the Israelites were crossing the Jordan River, the waters were divided when the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant were submerged in water. This event was one that revealed the faith of the Israelites through their works, and this spoke to how much the faith of the people of Israel had matured through the 40 years they spent wandering in the wilderness. Likewise, we must not forget that when we go through suffering and hardship, our faith is being tested.

Notes:



that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.

(Joshua 4:24)

Memorizing Bible Verses



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Joshua 3:14–17)

(James 2:20–22)

(Psalm 23:2–4)



Changing

Directions

Read Joshua 4:10 through 5:1 and answer the following questions.

Joshua, who succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites, was able to successfully lead the Israelites across the Jordan River with the help and power of God. Now, it was the time for the Israelites to immediately start a great war with the seven tribes of the Canaanites.

1. Read verse 14 and write down how Joshua, who led the Israelites into the conquest of Canaan, was influenced after witnessing the power of God when the Jordan river was stopped.

2. How did this help the armies of Israel before they went to fight the Canaanites? Read verse 24 and write down your answer.

3. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River through the power of God, what effect did that have on the 7 nations of Canaan (Joshua 5:1)?

4. To commemorate the crossing of the Jordan River, God commanded the Israelites to gather twelve stones and place them at Gilgal. Why were they commanded to set up these stones (Joshua 4:21–24)?



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

1.)

2.)

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

Knowing that faith without works is dead, let's pray so that we are able to reveal our biblical knowledge through specific actions in our lives.



Our Story

Because He Is the Maker

A man was driving his car on the highway when it suddenly broke down. Thankfully, this person was a car mechanic.



Thinking it would be an easy fix, he pulled the car over on the side of the road and got to work. However, the problem was more severe than he had thought.



Do you need help?

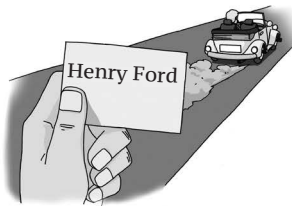
It's alright. I'm a mechanic and even I am unable to find the problem.

Let's still try one more time~

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What? How did you...Who are you?



That person who helped the mechanic was Henry Ford, the maker of the car itself. Because Ford had manufactured the car, he was the one best able to fix it.

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. (Psalms 139:15-16)

Pushing a Cart

There once was a man with a cart.

He was pulling his cart on the way to the marketplace. However, as he was turning the cart, he got mired in a puddle and was unable to pull his cart out.

The man started to cry out to God.

"God, please help me get this cart out of the puddle."

After shouting for a time, he was able to hear the voice of God coming from some place.

"You should be crying out for help as you are pushing your cart! How can I help you when you are doing nothing at all!"

We seek the help of God in the midst of many situations throughout our lives. However, for each situation we face, there is a part that we must do, and there is also a part that God Himself will fulfill.





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