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## **DEFINING MOMENTS IN OUR LIVES:**

- · GETTING MARRIED OR DIVORCED
- · STARTING A NEW JOB OR LEAVING AN OLD ONE
- · BEGINNING A NEW BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP
- · TAKING A BIG TRIP
- PAYING OFF A DEBT
- FINISHING SCHOOL
- RETIRING
- · A DIAGNOSIS OF ILLNESS OR HEALTH EVENT THAT CHANGED YOUR LIFE
- · LOSING A LOVED ONE
- · HAVING/ADOPTING A BABY AND BECOMING A PARENT
- ACCEPTING JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE AS LORD AND SAVIOR



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"A DEFINING MOMENT IS A POINT IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU'RE URGED TO MAKE A PIVOTAL DECISION, OR WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE SOMETHING THAT FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGES YOU. NOT ONLY DO THESE MOMENTS DEFINE US,

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BUT THEY HAVE A TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT ON OUR PERCEPTIONS AND BEHAVIORS. MOMENTS THAT ARE TRULY DEFINING WILL FORCE YOU TO ASK WHY, OFTEN CHALLENGE YOUR BELIEFS/NORMS, AND FORCE YOU TO BEHAVE DIFFERENTLY." —SIDNEY EVANS

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"THEN JOSHUA ROSE EARLY IN THE MORNING AND THEY SET
OUT FROM SHITTIM. AND THEY CAME TO THE JORDAN, HE AND ALL
THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, AND LODGED THERE BEFORE THEY PASSED
OVER. "3AT THE END OF THREE DAYS THE OFFICERS WENT THROUGH
THE CAMP "3AND COMMANDED THE PEOPLE," AS SOON AS YOU SEE
THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD YOUR GOD BEING
CARRIED BY THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS, THEN YOU SHALL SET OUT FROM
YOUR PLACE AND FOLLOW IT. "YET THERE SHALL BE A DISTANCE
BETWEEN YOU AND IT, ABOUT 2,000 CUBITS IN LENGTH. DO NOT
COME NEAR IT, IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE WAY YOU SHALL
GO, FOR YOU HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE." —JOSHUA 3:1-4



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"THEN JOSHUA SAID TO THE PEOPLE, "CONSECRATE YOURSELVES, FOR TOMORROW THE LORD WILL DO WONDERS AMONG YOU."

"AND JOSHUA SAID TO THE PRIESTS, "TAKE UP THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND PASS ON BEFORE THE PEOPLE."

SO THEY TOOK UP THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND WENT BEFORE THE PEOPLE."

TO EXALT YOU IN THE SIGHT OF ALL ISRAEL, THAT THEY MAY KNOW THAT, AS I WAS WITH MOSES, SO I WILL BE WITH YOU. "AND AS FOR YOU, COMMAND THE PRIESTS WHO BEAR THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, "WHEN YOU COME TO THE BRINK OF THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN, YOU SHALL STAND STILL IN THE JORDAN." "AND JOSHUA SAID TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, "COME HERE AND LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD." "AND JOSHUA SAID, "HERE IS HOW YOU SHALL KNOW THAT THE LIVING GOD IS AMONG YOU

AND THAT HE WILL WITHOUT FAIL DRIVE OUT FROM BEFORE YOU THE CANAANITES, THE HITTITES, THE HIVITES, THE PERIZZITES, THE GIRGASHITES, THE AMORITES, AND THE JEBUSITES. "BEHOLD, THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD OF ALL THE EARTH IS PASSING OVER BEFORE YOU INTO THE JORDAN. "NOW THEREFORE TAKE TWELVE MEN FROM THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, FROM EACH TRIBE A MAN. "YAND WHEN THE SOLES OF THE FEET OF THE PRIESTS BEARING THE ARK OF THE LORD, THE LORD OF ALL THE EARTH, SHALL REST IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN, THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN SHALL BE CUT OFF FROM FLOWING, AND THE WATERS COMING DOWN FROM ABOVE SHALL STAND IN ONE HEAP." "SO WHEN THE PEOPLE SET OUT FROM THEIR TENTS TO PASS OVER THE JORDAN WITH THE PRIESTS BEARING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

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"JAND AS SOON AS THOSE BEARING THE ARK HAD COME AS FAR AS THE JORDAN, AND THE FEET OF THE PRIESTS BEARING THE ARK WERE DIPPED IN THE BRINK OF THE WATER (NOW THE JORDAN OVERFLOWS ALL ITS BANKS THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF HARVEST), "INTHE WATERS COMING DOWN FROM ABOVE STOOD AND ROSE UP IN A HEAP VERY FAR AWAY, AT ADAM, THE CITY THAT IS BESIDE ZARETHAN, AND THOSE FLOWING DOWN TOWARD THE SEA OF THE ARABAH, THE SALT SEA, WERE COMPLETELY GUT OFF. AND THE PEOPLE PASSED OVER OPPOSITE JERICHO. "NOW THE PRIESTS BEARING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD STOOD FIRMLY ON DRY GROUND IN THE MIDST OF THE JORDAN, AND ALL ISRAEL WAS PASSING OVER ON DRY GROUND UNTIL ALL THE NATION FINISHED PASSING OVER THE JORDAN.—JOSHUA 3:S-17

I.YOU WILL NEVER GO ANYWHERE GOD HAS NOT GONE BEFORE YOU JOSHUA 3:1-4, 10-11

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BEHOLD, THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD OF ALL THE EARTH IS PASSING OVER BEFORE YOU INTO THE JORDAN.

—JOSHUA 3:11



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"I'VE BECOME ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT REMAINING AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT TASK IN THE LIFE OF EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS." —DR. GREGORY BOYD

"THIS MUST BE ALL THEIR CARE, TO ATTEND TO THE MOTIONS OF THE ARK,
AND FOLLOW IT WITH AN IMPLICIT FAITH. THUS, WE MUST
WALK AFTER THE RULE OF THE WORD AND THE DIRECTION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT IN EVERYTHING."—MATTHEW HENRY

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"YOU WILL NEVER GET THROUGH YOUR JORDAN AND WALK IN MY PROMISES WHILE LIVING IN SIN."

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2. YOU WILL NEVER GO ANYWHERE GOD HAS NOT DESIGNED OR DESIRED TO BRING CHANGE IN YOU JOSHUA 3:5

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NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE HIMSELF SANCTIFY YOU COMPLETELY.
AND MAY YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT
BLAMELESS AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

-I THESSALONIANS 5:2:

"WHILE WALKING THROUGH THE WATERS OF THE RED SEA WAS BOTH AN ESCAPE AND A LIBERATION, CROSSING OVER THE JORDAN MEANT ENTERING A NEW KIND OF LIFE IN THE PROMISED LAND.

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"SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST WAS NOTHING I WOULD HAVE EVER
CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF MY STORY, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE
SOMETIMES OUR OWN VISIONS ARE TOO SMALL, EVEN WHEN
WE THINK WE'RE SEEING THE BIGGER PICTURE. MY VISION WAS
ABOUT PLAYING IN THE NFL AND BEING THE BEST PLAYER THAT I
COULD BE. BUT GOD'S PLAN WAS TO HAVE A PURPOSE GREATER
THAN ANY GAME IN THIS WORLD

THE PHYSICAL BOUNDARY FORMED BY THE DEEP RIFT OF THE JORDAN VALLEY AND RIVER HAD TO BE CROSSED. MORE THAN THAT, THE CROSSING MARKED A DECISIVE TRANSITION WHICH INVOLVED INHERITING AND FINDING 'REST.'"—JOHN HAMLIN

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3. YOU WILL NEVER GO ANYWHERE GOD'S PROMISE OF GOODNESS AND FAITHFULNESS CANNOT BE FOUND IOSHUA 3:14-17

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"GOD'S CALL WILL ALWAYS BE BIGGER THAN YOUR CAPACITY...
GOD'S DREAMS ARE BIGGER THAN YOUR RESOURCES."
—BRIAN LORRITTS

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GOD WILL MAKE A WAY WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO WAY HE WORKS IN WAYS WE CANNOT SEE, HE WILL MAKE A WAY FOR ME

HE WILL BE MY GUIDE HOLD ME CLOSELY TO HIS SIDE WITH LOVE AND STRENGTH FOR EACH NEW DAY HE WILL MAKE A WAY. HE WILL MAKE A WAY

BY A ROADWAY IN THE WILDERNESS HE'LL LEAD ME RIVERS IN THE DESERT WILL I SEE HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL FADE BUT HIS WORD WILL STILL REMAIN HE WILL DO SOMETHING NEW TODAY

-DON MOEN

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