

You Have Not Gone This Way Before

Joshua 3:3-4

Intro: After a long journey across a wilderness, the nation of Israel reached the entrance to the Promised Land. Joshua gathered the people together and shared with them the key to their success, which was faithfulness in God's leadership.

Resolve

Then you shall set out from your place and go after it

- A. You must make a decision to change
Joshua 1:2, Acts 22:16, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Joshua 24:15
- B. This decision must be accompanied by action
James 2:26, Romans 12:11

Respect

Yet there shall be a space between you and it

- A. What we respect reveals who we are
Matthew 6:33, Luke 8:17
- B. How do you show respect?
John 4:24, 2 Corinthians 5:7, James 4:7

Revelation

That you may know that way by which you must go

- A. What is your truth?
Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 14:15
- B. Are you willing to learn?
Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 10:17

Recognition

For you have not passed this way before.

- A. Theses are 'unprecedented times'
Philippians 4:6, James 1:12, James 4:14
- B. Your character will be revealed
Joshua 1:6, 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Israel in Egypt vs Israel to Promised Land

Red Sea was an escape
Running from danger

God parted Red Sea before
their eyes

Jordan River was for conquest
Running to danger

Jordan was parted as they
stepped into it

I PRAY WE DON'T GO BACK TO NORMAL

1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
 2. I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.
 3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
 4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of the congregation.
 5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.
 6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
 7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, go to a gathering, etc.
- So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal.
- My goal is to pray more, love harder and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago.

What keeps me from being the best version of myself is not my circumstances, but my actions through those circumstances.