

NEW YEAR 2021

**“YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN
THIS WAY
BEFORE”. JOSHUA 3-5**

Introduction

What should you do, when you do not know the way? You may say, put the address in the GPS or phone. Well that may work for the place but will not work for unknown future. It will not work for unknown challenges and fears.

Israelites were facing unknown future, unknown enemy and unknown fears.

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In that situation, God gave them following instructions.

1. Keep your eyes upon the Ark of Covenant.
2. Consecrate yourself.
3. Set up the memorial for future generation to tell them what I did for you.

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I believe, as we are entering New Year, we should learn from this historical records and make following promises for year 2021.

- 1 we should walk with God consistently.
- 2 we should make ourselves worthy of God.
- 3 we should be faithful witness of God.

1 we should walk with God daily.

Joshua told the people to keep their eyes on the ark of covenant. 3:3

Walking with God means to follow him, trust him, obey him, keeping your eyes fixed on him, follow his example and live according to his word.

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The activity on the daily basis will be to:

Study his word daily.

Spend time in prayer.

Sever God with your talents.

Stay in the company of Godly people.

WALK DAILY WITH GOD

II We should make ourselves worthy of God.

Joshua told the people of Israel to “consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” 3:5

They sanctified themselves both positionally and progressively. Joshua 3:5 and 5:1-12

Holy living is important to have fellowship with God and have abundant life. Heb. 12:14

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As we are entering 2021, let us make a promise to live a holy life for His glory.

Colossians 3:5-14 teaches us to put off some clothing's and put on new clothing's. Let us read.

LIVE HOLY LIFE IN 2017

III We should be a faithful witness for Christ.

Joshua told the people to pick up twelve stones out of the Jordan river and set up a memorial for the future generations. Joshua 4:4-7;19-24

We are the witnesses of God. We need to proclaim his name and works to others on the daily basis. Acts 1:8

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Let us make a promise to be faithful witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has done great things for us.

He has given us a gift of salvation.

He has preserved our lives.

He has provided our needs and done many other things for us.

BE A FAITHFUL WITNESS OF CHRIST

Conclusion

As we study the rest of the book of Joshua, we see that their obedience was fruitful for them.

Jordan river was separated. They walked on the dry land.

They were able to defeat their enemies.

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The Angel of the LORD was fighting for them.

Joshua 5:13-15

So, let us make a promise for year 2021, individually, as families and as a Church to:

Walk with God consistently.

Make ourselves worthy of God daily.

Be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ.