

The Book of Joshua
"The Means of Victory"
Joshua 3:1-17

Intro. 1. Victory over the impassable Jordan was the goal of the Israelites.

2. The means that God used to get His people across the Jordan are the means He uses today to get personal victory in the life of a believer.

3. Give attention to the means listed in the text for today:

1. Personal adjustment to the Lord.

This is indicated by the response of three mentioned in the chapter. Note:

a. The obedience of the priests vv. 6-8, 14-17.

<u>Told</u>	<u>Did</u>
Take up ark	Bore the ark
Pass over before	Went before people
Stand still in Jordan	Stood firm on dryness

b. The sanctification of the people v.5.

The need for practical exercise in holiness is patent.

c. The humility of the preacher (Joshua)

Everywhere he is present, but unseen.

2. Personal encouragement from the Lord.

This is given in several ways:

a. By His promised presence vv 7, 10.

b. By His displayed power vv 5, 10.

Mark the complete destruction of the enemy as evidenced by the number seven!

c. By His given promise v.13.

Conclusion. Victory is stated in the Word: the waters stood up; the priests stood firm; the people passed over! Impossibilities can be possibilities!