

FOLLOW ME
JOSHUA 3

Joshua 3 is more than just an amazing story of a historical account. It serves as a blueprint for true discipleship and an example of what it means to truly follow Jesus as a member of His family. The “how” of following God is described in this text.

- I. Submit to the instruction of God. Vss. 1-4
 - A. Submission is to voluntarily come under one’s authority.
 - B. Submission is the exact opposite of what happened at Shittim.
 1. Idolatry and immorality. (Numbers 25:1)
 2. Lack of faith and unfaithfulness. (Wandered for 40 years)
 - C. Submission is to acknowledge the presence and voice of God.
 1. Ark of the covenant
 - a. Ten Commandments
 - b. Manna
 - c. Rod of Aaron (the high priest)
 - d. The fear of the Lord (healthy respect by keeping distant)

- II. Consecrate yourself to the character of God. Vss. 5-10
 - A. Definition: to make holy or sacred; set apart. To dedicate to a higher purpose.
 - B. God’s people are set apart from all others. (Deut. 26:18-19) (I Peter 2:9,10) (Psalm 34)
 - C. God’s people are to be distinct from all others. (2 Corinthians 6:15-18)
 1. Distinct in worship. (Exodus 20:1-6)
 2. Distinct in sexual purity. (I Cor. 7:1-2; 6:9-10) (Galatians 5:19-21)

- III. Obey every detail of the commandments of God. Vss. 11-17
 - A. Wait on the instructions of God. (Psa. 37:7)
 - B. Focus on the character of God. (Hebrews 12:1-3)
 - C. Practice faith in the Word of God.
 1. Faith is trusting God at His Word.
 2. Faith is obeying God when we read/hear His Word. (Heb. 11)