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Josh 3:1 - 4

1 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, **BEARING IT**, then you shall set out from your place and go after **it**. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

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Josh 3:5 - 8

5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." 6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin 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. 8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, **you shall stand in the Jordan.'** "

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Josh 3:9 - 12

9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God." 10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites: 11 **BEHOLD, THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD OF ALL THE EARTH IS CROSSING OVER BEFORE YOU INTO THE JORDAN.** 12 Now therefore, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe.

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Josh 3:13 - 16

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that **the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off**, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, 15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan.

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Josh 3:16 - 17

So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

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- 1. Pursue the Presence of God**
- 2. Take up the Presence of God**
- 3. Stand in the Jordan**

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1. Pursue to Presence of God

Josh 3:3

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Acts 4:13 - 14

13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, **THEY WERE ASTONISHED AND THEY TOOK NOTE THAT THESE MEN HAD BEEN WITH JESUS.** 14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

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God is:

- Omnipotent
- Omniscient
- Omnipresent
- Immutable

Principles of Pursuit

A. Knowing the truth of the New Covenant.

Heb 10:11 - 14

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has **PERFECTED FOREVER THOSE WHO ARE BEING SANCTIFIED.**

Principles of Pursuit

Heb 4:14 - 16

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Principles of Pursuit

Heb 10:19 - 22

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 **BY A NEW AND LIVING WAY WHICH HE CONSECRATED FOR US**, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 **LET US DRAW NEAR** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Principles of Pursuit

B. Knowing what it means to be a temple of the Living God.

1 Cor 6:19

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Principles of Pursuit

- **The Tabernacle**
- **The Temple**
- **Your Body**

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Heb 3:1

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus...

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2 Sam 6:8 - 12

8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "HOW CAN THE ARK OF THE LORD COME TO ME?" 10 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 11 The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

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The Presence of God is not carried on carts, but on the shoulders of faithful priests.

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3. Stand in the Jordan

Josh 3:8, 13 - 15.

8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.' "

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, **SHALL REST IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN, THAT THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN SHALL BE CUT OFF**, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

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