

Writing Our Story
Steps and Stones

A Legacy is something that is **carried over** from an earlier time, from a previous generation.

Joshua 1:1-2 (NKJV)—After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

A Legacy is a story that inspires action.

What kind of action will your story inspire?

- Your relationship with God will be the blueprint for those who follow you?

Joshua 1:3-9 (NKJV)—Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.** 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

- **NOTICE:** Joshua immediately began to make room for what God had said to him.

Joshua 1:10-11(NKJV) Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, '**Prepare provisions for yourselves**, for within three days **you will cross over this Jordan**, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.' "

Joshua 3:13-16 (NKJV)—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. 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

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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.

The children of Israel are an example for us.

- You are either in **Egypt**, in the **Wilderness**, or standing on the banks of your **Jordan river**.
- Most Christians will spend their entire lives wondering in the wilderness.

God delivered His people out of Egypt, but He could never get them to let go of Egypt and trust Him.

God has a word for you just like He had for Joshua. He has an assignment for you, a purpose.

- You are responsible for continuing what someone else started.

- 1.) Do you know what God spoke to you? Do you know your assignment?
- 2.) Have you made room for it in your life? Have you made preparations?
- 3.) Have you taken the step He has placed in front of you?

Until you **1.)** Identify your assignment **2.)** Make room for it in your life **3.)** Take the step God has placed in front of you, the legacy you are supposed to leave stops.

- Until you are willing to be the hero in the story God is writing about you, that story will never get written.

God needs your story for future generations.

Joshua 4:1-3 (NKJV)—And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying: 2 “Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, 3 and command them, saying, ‘Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, **out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood firm**. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.’ ”

Joshua 4:21-24 (NKJV)—Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ 22 then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; 23 for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

These stones are stories, stories that inspire action, the legacy of what God did in the lives of Joshua and the children of Israel.

If you are going to have a story, you going to need some stones, and the stones that tell the best stories are the ones that come from the middle of the Jordan River—it takes God to get those stones.

Your story stays in the river unless you step out on what God has assigned you to do.

- No step, No stones. No stones, No story.
- **If you don’t step out, your story stays in the river.**

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