



Joshua 3:1-5

Myth of Neutrality - Nov 30th, 2025

Message Recap

Israel stands at the edge of the Promised Land with a flood-stage river blocking the way. For forty years, a previous generation missed God's promise because they chose *neutral*—hesitation instead of obedience. Now a new generation faces the same moment. God leads them to the “edge of impossible,” not to intimidate them, but to build their faith.

Their instruction is simple: “When you see the ark move, then you move.” God doesn't ask them to figure out the river, only to follow His presence. And when the priests step into the water, the miracle begins. The river stops. The ground dries. God does what only He can do.

Joshua's call to “consecrate yourselves” reminds us that nothing in our lives is neutral. Surrender prepares us for what God wants to do next. Tomorrow's miracle often begins with today's surrender.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

What's an interest or hobby you enjoy now that you had *zero* interest in when you were younger?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you most?

Discussion Questions

- **Where are you seeing signs of “neutral” in your spiritual life — places where you've been hesitating, delaying, or trying to stay safe? What is the real cost of staying in neutral?**

- **God often leads His people to the “edge of impossible.” Where do you feel like you're standing at the riverbank right now...facing something too big to cross in your own strength?**

- **The instruction was simple: “When you see the ark move, then you move.” What does it look like in real life to look for God before looking for a path? How can you reorder the way you normally make decisions?**

- God leads us today through His Word, His Spirit, godly counsel, circumstances, and obedience. Which of these has been most active in your life lately — and which one do you most often overlook?

- “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.” What is one area of your life you’ve kept “off-limits” or partially surrendered — and what would full consecration look like this week?

For Additional Study

Joshua 3 — Crossing the Jordan (read the whole chapter)

- What does this story teach us about the relationship between obedience and God’s power?
- Why do you think God often waits for us to step into the water before He moves?

John 14:21 — “Whoever has my commands and keeps them... to them I will show myself.”

- How does obedience sharpen our ability to hear God’s voice?
- Where has delayed obedience kept you in spiritual neutral?