

Cross Over

Scripture Joshua 1:10-11 (NKJV)

10 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.' "

A. What It Means To "Cross Over"

1. Forget the past, focus on the future
2. Advance in faith
3. Be teachable and willing to change
4. Ready to take new ground

B. Preparation For Occupation

1. Circumcision – Josh 5:2-9 (NLT)

2 At that time the LORD told Joshua, "Use knives of flint to make the Israelites a circumcised people again." **3** So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. **4** Joshua had to circumcise them because all the men who were old enough to bear arms when they left Egypt had died in the wilderness. **5** Those who left Egypt had all been circumcised, but none of those born after the Exodus, during the years in the wilderness, had been circumcised. **6** The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were old enough to bear arms when

they left Egypt had died. For they had disobeyed the LORD, and the LORD vowed he would not let them enter the land he had sworn to give us – a land flowing with milk and honey. **7** So Joshua circumcised their sons who had not been circumcised on the way to the Promised Land – those who had grown up to take their fathers' places. **8** After all the males had been circumcised, they rested in the camp until they were healed. **9** Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt." So that place has been called Gilgal to this day.

- Col 2:11 (NLT)

¹¹ When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature.

- Phil 3:3 (NLT)

³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God^[a] are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort,

- Joshua 5:9 (NLT)

⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt." So that place has been called Gilgal^[a] to this day.

2. Change of diet – Josh 5:12 (NLT)

¹² No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan.

- 1 Cor 3:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Dear brothers and sisters,^[a] when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people.^[b] I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life.^[c] ² I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready,

3. Commander revealed – Josh 5:13-15 (NLT)

¹³ When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?"

¹⁴ "Neither one," he replied. "I am the commander of the LORD's army."

At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?"

¹⁵ The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told.