

## **You Have Not Passed This Way Before** *Joshua 3:1-8*

As Israel looked across the Jordan River, they were confronted with \_\_\_\_\_

We are no different: often it is \_\_\_\_\_ of what the new and unknown will do to us or demand of us

Verse 3 indicates that Israel had \_\_\_\_\_ to contemplate all the changes they faced over Jordan

The best way to handle change is by teaming up with someone \_\_\_\_\_

The theme of Joshua 3:1-8 from Charles Spurgeon: "the new road to me is an old road to \_\_\_\_\_"

### **I. SEE 3:4**

*God directed Israel to follow the \_\_\_\_\_ at a distance of 2000 cubits or 0.6 miles*

*God gave this direction so that every Israelite could \_\_\_\_\_ the way that the Ark took thru the Jordan*

#### **A. The Meaning of the Ark**

1) The ark represented the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, but not God Himself; the ark was not an \_\_\_\_\_

2) Psalm 99:1 teaches that God reigned over Israel and the ark was His \_\_\_\_\_

3) To us as NT believers the ark symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_; He was Emmanuel, God with us

#### **B. Focusing upon the Ark**

1) God orchestrated the crossing of the Jordan to put the focus on the ark; to us NT believers this truth suggests that when we face change we must keep our focus on \_\_\_\_\_

2) When we face change, when we face the unknown, \_\_\_\_\_ must take priority

### **II. SANCTIFY 3:5**

*To sanctify means \_\_\_\_\_*

A. God places the responsibility for holiness on \_\_\_\_\_

B. God links our willingness to pursue holiness with His willingness to do \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives

*Our efforts toward holiness do not \_\_\_\_\_ God's blessings; that would be legalism*

### **III. STEP 3:8 & 13**

*1) To See and 2) To Sanctify are preliminary steps. The Key: We must step out by \_\_\_\_\_*

A. To step out by faith means to go just as far as God \_\_\_\_\_

*Some of us wait on God when in fact HE is \_\_\_\_\_ on us to trust and obey*

B. To step out by faith is to take a \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. STAND 3:8**

A. When we have followed the path of obedience as far as we can, THEN we \_\_\_\_\_ on God to act

B. In scripture, waiting on God usually includes \_\_\_\_\_ that takes the form of prayer