



Step Up with Joshua

**STOP
START**

THIS IS A
TIME TO
STEP UP



“Have I not
commanded you?
Be strong and
courageous. Do
not be afraid; do
not be
discouraged, for
the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.”

JOSHUA 1:9



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STOP

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STOPPING
IS A VITAL
PART OF
JOURNEYIN
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FORWARD
AND
GROWING
IN GOD



- There are times, days and seasons where we work hard and strive
- There are times, days and seasons where we need to stop
- The Joshua journey gives us a number of illustrations of the value and necessity of stopping



“7 And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. 8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

JOSHUA 3:7

STOP AND
ALLOW
GOD TO
SPEAK



- Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. (Prov 19:21)
- We often talk about wanting God ideas, not just good ideas
- Standing in the river in flood was not a good idea!



“17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.”

JOSHUA 3

STOP AND
ALLOW
GOD'S TO
SHOW HIS
POWER



“7 So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. 8 And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.”

STOP AND
ALLOW
GOD'S
SHAPING
AND
HEALING



“9 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.”

JOSHUA 5

STOP
LIVING IN
THE
SHADOW OF
PAST
REPROACH



- God does not want us to be held captive by past failure or
- How much more can we who have received the mercy and grace of Jesus (Joshua / Yeshua) Christ live in the freedom of forgiveness?!



“10 On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. 11 The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain.

JOSHUA 5

“12 The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.”

JOSHUA 5

STOP
LOOKING
FOR THE
OLD
PROVISION



“13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” 14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.”

“Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” 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 so.”

JOSHUA 5

STOP AND
ACKNOWLEDGE
THE LORD
AND AWAIT
FURTHER
INSTRUCTION



- As Moses met with The Lord at the burning bush and 'took off his shoes' Joshua had an encounter
- Moses was before the deliverance from Egypt
- Joshua was before taking the land that the Lord had promised



“YOU CAN DO
MORE THAN PRAY
AFTER YOU HAVE
PRAYED BUT YOU
CANNOT DO MORE
THAN PRAY UNTIL
YOU HAVE
PRAYED.”

S.D. GORDON, QUIET TALKS ON
PRAYER



AS WE MOVE
INTO A FRESH
START AND
STEP UP IN
OUR PURSUIT
OF GOD'S
KINGDOM,
LET US STOP
AND START



STOP

- ... and allow God to speak
- ... and allow God to show His power
- ... living in the shadow of past reproach
- ... looking for old provision
- ... and acknowledge the Lord and await further instruction!



START

- ... listening to what He says
- ... believing He is able
- ... living in the freedom you have been given
- ... embracing the fresh provision
- ... obeying and following Him

