

Sunday: April 19, 2020

The 'Before' Principle - Joshua 3 by Rick Ezell (www..lifeway.com)



The *before principle* manifests itself in everyday life. There are battles before victory. There are struggles before celebration. There are steps before arrivals. There is practice before perfection. There is preparation before completion. There is matriculation before graduation.

Over and over in Scripture this pattern is repeated: The Israelites had to march to the Red Sea before God parted it. Namaan had to wash seven times in the water before God cured him of leprosy. Gideon had to reduce his army from 32,000 down to 300 before God would deliver them from the Midianities. The loaves and fishes were given up before Jesus multiplied them. Peter had to obey Jesus to row out to deep water before he caught a boatload of fish.

Crossing Jordan: But nowhere was this *principle of before* more evident than when Joshua was preparing to lead the Hebrews into the Promised Land. After decades of wandering in the wilderness the children of Israel were perched on the banks of the Jordan ready to cross over. In this narrative the words crossing over were used twenty-one times. It marked a transition in their lives. The crossing over required a new faith experience, **the before principle applied**, in order for them to occupy the new land God had waiting for them.



Dear Lord: I pray this prayer of health for these dear servants of Yours. Help them to always know what Your word says — He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. (Psalms 91:1-6 KJV).

You are the Great Physician and I place their health in Your hands.

https://connectusfund.org/21-short-christian-prayers-for-missionaries

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Although we may not be able to share the same physical space at this moment in time, we are still able to share spiritual space and our heartfelt prayers for the health and safety of all.

Wednesday nights - Prayer and praise Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm. The Zoom invite will go out by text and will be on Facebook. Refer to text in church, info to receive church text messages.

All **Facebook Live** broadcasts will post on the church website, on the Church Facebook page, Pastor's Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.

LINKS

- https://www.facebook.com/roger.cook.127
- https://www.facebook.com/williamstownag.org/
- http://rcook153.wixsite.com/website
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBikCpl3zaKcfyWLMO8EhNA



EVA LUTTRELL 1926—2020

Eva Mae Luttrell, 93, of Venus, TX, formerly of Oskaloosa, died on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Eva was a vital member of the church during the years Pastor Rick and Virginia as well as Robert and Becky Tomlinson served the congregation of WAG. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Eva's family and friends at this time. Her loving spirit was an inspiration and joy to everyone.



FOOD MINISTRY DURING APRIL

There are two remaining food distribution dates during this month, which includes the 20th (Harvesters, 2 pm) and the 27th (CCC, 1 pm).

For health and safety reasons, these food ministry events are set up as drivethrough food distributions.

The Harvesters Food Distribution will take place at WAG on April 20th (Monday) at 2 pm. Volunteers should be at the church by 1:30 pm.



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rcook153.wixsite.com/website

Week One of Online Church (March 22, 2020 Sermon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=KE3GeJsgFUo

Week Two of Online Church (March 29, 2020 Sermon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch? time_continue=1500&v=8iDsqufyrRU &feature=emb_logo

Week Three of Online Church (April 5, 2020 Sermon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTR2HKdFhh8

Week Four of Online Church (April 12, 2020 Sermon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=mB5L6UV3Qek&feature=emb_err_ watch on yt

Stay Connected

(913) 274-1441 PLEASE PUT THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CONTACT LIST.

Text this number to receive communications.

Would you like to receive special announcements from the church? Text the word WAG.

Would you like to receive prayer requests? Text the word *Prayer*.

Would you like to receive more information about our church? Text the word Guest.

Are you a new believer and would like a Bible Study to help you on this new path? Text the word *Believe*.

If you prefer to be on a *Prayer Request Calling List*, you can complete a Connection Card on the table in the back of the church. Then put the card in the offering or give it to one of our leaders.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MONTH OF APRIL FOCUS: CAMP

Excerpt from 3 Reasons Christian Kids Need to Go to Church Camp, https://radicallychristian.com.

Build Relationships – Young people will have friends. The question is, will they be Christian friends?

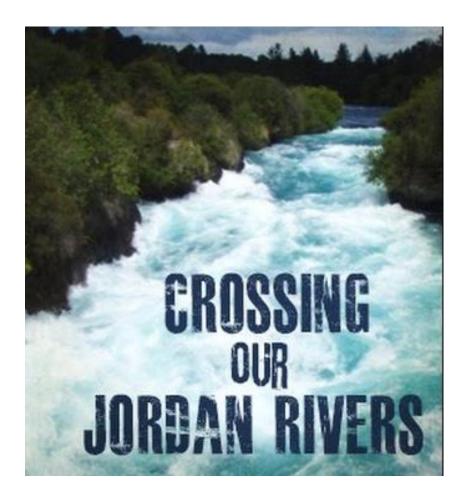
 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Technology Fasting} - We all need a break from technology; especially television and video games. \end{tabular}$

Bible Time – Most importantly, kids have the opportunity to saturate their minds and their hearts with God's word.

2020 CHURCH CAMP INFO: As of today, the camps are not cancelled.

If you will need a camp scholarship, please contact Nichole as soon as possible. Nichole also has the camp packets.

High School	Grades 9—12	June 01-05, 2020	Cost: \$230	Due by May 3
Middle School	Grades 6-8	June 15-19, 2020	Cost: \$230	Due by May 3
Kids Camp 1	Grade 3 (entering) - Grade 5 (completed)	June 21-24, 2020	Cost: \$180	Due by May 17
Kids Camp 2	Grade 3 (entering) - Grade 5 (completed)	June 24—27, 2020	Cost: \$180	Due by May 17



Joshua 3:4-5 (NIV) Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it. Joshua told the people, Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.

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