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1. Upgrade out-of-date technology
2. Add mission critical staff
3. Fashion a facility for every generation



We must not limit God to a scale and to a size of movement that is limited by our experience.



This is not the end, it is not even the
beginning of the end, but it is perhaps the
end of the beginning.

Winston Churchill



Joshua 4:10-18

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The miraculous way God gets them across evokes memories of the Red Sea crossing. God wanted them to view this crossing as a dynamic new phase emerging before their very eyes.



PROMISE #1

Those who trust God enough to step in and wait will witness a movement of the masses that defies logic (Joshua 4:10-11).



Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the Lord had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over, and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the Lord and the priests came to the other side while the people watched.

Joshua 4:10-11



The most important people in a movement of God are the ones who make the movement of the masses possible. It's the people who stand in the trenches, not those who rally the troops, who lay the foundation for every movement of God.



PROMISE #2

Those who are faithful before God, will receive God's approval (Joshua 4:2-13).



The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, ready for battle, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for war. That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

Joshua 4:12-14



Whatever you have commanded us we will do,
and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we
fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you.

Joshua 1:16–17



They made a commitment.
They honored that commitment.
God gave His commendation.



PROMISE #3

What starts with God, will always end with
God (Joshua 4:15-18).



Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant law to come up out of the Jordan.” So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

Joshua 4:15-18



Not a single step is taken without God.
God brought them to it, He would bring them
through it!



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WHERE ARE YOU?

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