

## Whose Move Is It?

One of our past Prayer and Praise services was based on Joshua 3:5, when Joshua commanded the people to consecrate themselves and prepare to follow the Ark of the Covenant into the Jordan River and on into the Promised Land. People talk about how we try to put God in a box, and if you think about it, the Israelites actually **had** God “in a box!” His Presence was **in** the Ark.

They were conditioned to move when God moved: when the cloud moved during the day, they moved. When the pillar of fire moved at night, they moved. When the ark moved, they moved, so they were waiting on the banks of the raging (flood stage) Jordan River for God to move first. In a sense, they lived by sight, which then activated their faith to follow God.

In New Testament times, God lives **in us** in the Person of the Holy Spirit, and we live by faith not by sight. It is when we **act** on that faith that God will **move** on our behalf! Several years ago Pastor Keith brought a message, and in it he stated “Many of us want more of God, but God is saying He wants more of us first!” Amen! Here is a true fact: we can have as much of God as we **want**, but He can only have as much of us as we are willing to **give Him**!

I believe God is saying to many of us that while we are waiting for Him to move on our behalf, **He is actually waiting on us**! He is waiting for us to take that first small step of faith, which releases Him to come and help us confront, conquer and cross over whatever “Jordan River” experience might be blocking our path. He wants to lead us to victory, but He can’t - not until we take a step of faith. If we’re willing to consecrate ourselves (set our lives apart for Him) as Joshua commanded the people, then God **will** do amazing things among us! Our faith will move Him.

Have you been wandering around the wilderness for a long time, looking for relief? Are you confronted by a “raging river” situation you can’t seem to get over? Ready for a change? Good! Consecrate yourself, then go to the Lord in prayer. Let Him know you are ready, but you need His help to take that first step. Ask Him to show you what that step looks like, then ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to move forward in faith, and watch what He does! Amen!