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Series: "Joshua: God is Faithful"

Title: "On Jordan's Dried-Up Banks I Stand"

Text: Joshua 3

There are a lot of times in which we might doubt God's timing or His Providence. But God has often led his people into scary circumstances to build their faith and trust in Him, and to "bring about that many people should live" (Gen. 50:20). In our text today, the People of God were staring the Jordan's swollen deluge in the face. How in the world would they be able to cross? Not only was there the question of the river, but just beyond lay "the giants" that made them look like grasshoppers (Num. 13). What was God doing? How would he provide for them?

I. The Lord's _____ of His People, *verses 1-6*

II. The Lord's _____ to His People, *verses 7-13*

III. The Lord's _____ for His People, *verses 14-17*



"Trust me." There's a variety of meanings we can get from that two-word sentence depending on who is doing the talking! How might that sound coming from a salesman at a buy-here/pay-here car lot?

How might that sound coming from a mischievous friend? How about from dad or mom?

2 Peter 1:3 tells us that God has given us everything we need in regard to life and godliness. How do we respond to this? By paying attention to everything He has given us! What has He given us for life and godliness?

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT, STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What are the challenges that we face as a people that might cause us to distrust the Lord? What about as a church? What about individually? What might the Holy Spirit be inviting us toward today in light of this text?
2. Do a contemplative reading of Psalm 136 (A contemplative reading of Scripture means choosing one person in your group to read the text. Pause for a solid minute of silence to reflect on the text. Then have another person read the text. Pause for another minute of silent reflection upon the character of God displayed in the text. Read the text a final time. Then pause for another minute to reflect on how we might respond to God's character). Why did God remind His people of His saving acts in their history so often? What are ways that we should do this in our church? What are ways that we should do this in our homes?
3. Read Hebrews 4. God's People have always been promised a land, and rest, and God's presence among them. How do we see that promise after Christ's death and resurrection? How does that translate into our circumstances today when we see the ongoing decline of religious liberty? How can we encourage one another in these things?

NEXT WEEK: "Remembering God's Grace" – Joshua 4:1-24

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