

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Where in your life are you facing a ‘Jordan River’ which is keeping you from your destiny or promise. What can you do this week to fight the good fight of faith in regards to that obstacle.
- Make a list of the areas of your life where you need faith. Get together with someone this week and search the bible for promises that relate to those areas
- Are there any Jordan Rivers that you need the faith and courage to rise up and lead people through? What can you do this week to lead others through that barrier?

PRAYER

- Ask God to strengthen your faith so that you’ll be able to fight the good fight of faith.
- Ask God for wisdom on how to cross any ‘Jordan Rivers’ that may be coming between you and your destiny.
- Ask God for the courage of Joshua to hear from God and lead others into their promised land.
- Ask God to reveal more of Himself to you to bolster your faith in Him.

NOTES



Week Three – The Fight of Faith

CONNECT

- What’s the hardest thing you’ve ever had to do to accomplish a task?
- Share one of your more memorable fights growing up.

WORD

⁷And 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. ⁸Tell 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.’” ⁹Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. ¹⁰This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹²Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.” ¹⁴So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as

soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷The 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 3:7–17 (NIV)

THOUGHT

After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the Jews were on the verge of entering their promised land. The only problem was that they still had to cross the Jordan River and it was the middle of flood season no less. It often seems like the biggest obstacles to fulfilling our destiny come right before the breakthrough. In today's discussion we'll look at how to battle through barriers in order to see destiny fulfilled in our lives. This is called the fight of faith.

DISCUSSION

1. How do you think the priests felt as they approached the banks of the flooded Jordan River?

- Excited to be so close to the promised land
- Frustrated by the seemingly impassable barrier of the river
- Fearful of facing the giants on the other side of the river
- Conflicted by all of the above
- Other _____

2. Romans 8:28 says, *'that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.'* How did God intend to use this barrier of the flooded Jordan River for the good of Joshua and the Israelites?

3. What are some of the ways that God has shown himself faithful in your life or the lives of those around you?

4. In 1 Timothy 6:12, Paul encourages Timothy to *'Fight the good fight of faith.'* Faith isn't needed when everything is looking rosy. Rather, it must be fought for when everything is dark and stormy. Is there an area of your life where you currently need to fight the fight of faith?

5. Hebrews 10:23 tells us to, *'hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.'* Our faith is not based on our ability to believe but on God's faithfulness to his promises. What are some reasons we can trust God's faithfulness to his promises?

6. As a group, make a list of some of the common 'Jordan Rivers' people face in life or perhaps are facing currently in the group. Now make a list of any promises from scripture or aspects of God's character that can help you fight the fight of faith and cross those rivers.

7. God used the Jordan River as a way to demonstrate the favor on Joshua's life and establish Joshua's leadership before all of Israel. How might God use difficulties and barriers in our lives as a testimony to others?
