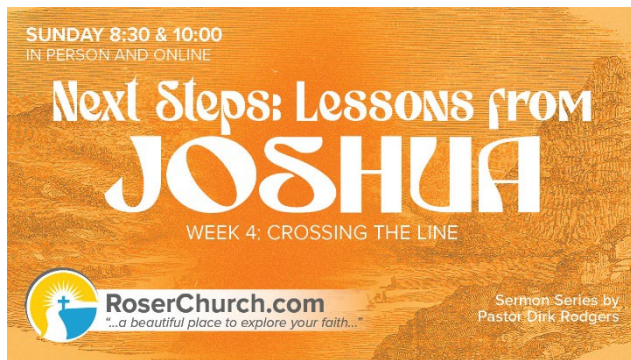




Today's Topic:

Crossing the Line

Joshua 3:1-7

May 3, 2026

1. _____ by the _____

“And 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.’” Joshua 3:7 (NIV, 2011)

2. _____ in the _____

“Tell 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.’ Joshua said to the Israelites, ‘Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. This 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. See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.’”

Joshua 3:8-11 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____ about the _____

“And 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.” Joshua 3:13 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. Read Joshua 3:1-7. Why do you think God wanted to challenge this new generation to cross the Jordan River? Hint: Compare the crossing of the Red Sea described in Exodus 14.
2. Read Joshua 3:8-11. How should we view God’s decision to replace the local people with the people of Israel in this land? Does this decision justify other “holy wars”, such as the Crusades of the Middle Ages? Hint: It may help to remember God’s intentions for this land, as described in passages like Isaiah 2 and Micah 4.
3. Read Joshua 3:12-17. What hard thing is God asking us to do this week that will advance His work of grace? Maybe it’s time to stick our feet in the water!