



Overcoming Obstacles

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Joshua 3:1-4

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Intro



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¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2



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- Move on with confidence in the Lord. Take that step in the direction God wants you to go.



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- Joshua 3:14-16, *“So when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of the harvest),*



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- Joshua 3:14-16, *“the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is besides Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabian, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.”*



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- Joshua 3:17, *“And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.”*



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