

## **Joshua's Emmanuel**

### **Joshua 3**

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Can you really do what God has called you to do?

Is God really with me? Are his promises true?

#### **Stage Fright of Faith**

Why do we find it so difficult to trust Almighty God?

We reason like fallen rebels.

We often need reminders, assurance that God is with us.

#### **Ark of the Covenant**

What was the Ark of the Covenant?

What was in it? (1 Kings 8:9; Exodus 16:33-34; Numbers. 17:10)

Reminders of God's presence, power and faithfulness, and His covenant.

What was the mercy seat?

It was the location of grace and forgiveness.

Christ is our mercy seat.

#### **Lord Will do Wonders v 5**

Consecration: prepare yourselves. How? (Exodus 19:10, 15)

"Earth is crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God; But only he who sees takes off his shoes" ~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Prepare to see God's work. Expect it. Believe it. Prepare for it.

"God is not finished with me yet." Bumper sticker

Do you have great expectations for the future of the church?

#### **Joshua's Emmanuel v 7**

We have an authority problem. Each man does what is right in his own eyes.

Confidence in your Spiritual leaders is vital.

Jesus and Leadership Development

#### **The Living God is Among You v 10**

Assurance to the people 'I am your God, you are my people'.

God is here, he is real, and he is powerful.

**Oh, the Jordan is at flood stage v 15**

This highlights the power of God. (Isaiah 50:10)

"We must never give up what we know because of what we don't." David Jackman

We have an almighty, all-powerful God - trust him!

God is with us as we follow Him.

Do you believe God?