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To Be A Transforming
Community Committed
to Jesus Christ

Sermon Summary

Crossing the Jordan

1. Crossing the Jordan River (Judges 3) symbolises the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. After this the Israelites were able to fight their battles using the power and resources of God. God will make the Promised Land available to us if we are prepared to go out and possess it and reclaim it from the evil one. **Discuss**
2. Imagine if the “Children of Israel” had crossed the Jordan but just been content to live on the banks of the river. They would have missed the purpose for crossing the river in the first place. Many believers today are content with less than God's purpose, which means living with the enemy rather than overcoming him. **In what ways do we do this?**
3. Many people look back on the day when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit and view it as a one off experience – something that happened in the past. Have you been filled with the HS? Are you filled now? Is this an on going condition for you?
4. When we get introspective, we restrict the flow of the Holy Spirit. We become like the Dead Sea; water flows in, but nothing flows out, and nothing can live in its stagnant waters. Every time we are tempted to look into our own greedy, lustful, selfish desires we shut out the Holy Spirit. There is no such thing as a person who is full of the HS who is ungrateful complaining, resentful, and proud. **Discuss.**
5. When obey the Holy Spirit we expand our ability to be filled with the Spirit (Acts 5:32). Every time the thought comes to show kindness, to love others, to sacrifice our own selfish interests or preferences, to humble ourselves, to apologise, to speak to someone about Jesus, to exercise a spiritual gift, to serve Christ in others we yield to the Spirit. **On the basis of this, would you say that you are walking in the Spirit?**
6. The senior officers of Alexander the Great had to decide whether they would live within their boundaries or follow their leader off the map. The Holy Spirit will always lead us into truth, but to follow Him, may involve following Him off the map; going beyond what we know, or are comfortable with. **Give an example of a situation like this?**

7. We are salt and light. We shine best in dark places! Share of an occasion or place where you are able to let your light shine.
8. The filling of the Holy Spirit releases an anointing and boldness (Acts 4:31) This is desperately need today. There is much more for whoever is hungry. A new courage is needed for the new measure of outpouring that is required today. God will give the Spirit to them that ask for it Matt 7:7-8. **Do you want more of this anointing?**

Pray for each other