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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1456 ~ Israel Crosses Jordan.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Wherever you travel in the world, cities, towns and villages have at least one monument to help people remember some important historic event, or some very brave person. This may be a pillar with a short story etched on it, or it may be the figure of a hero. These monuments are always made of materials such as stone, marble or bronze. People want them to last as long as possible, so everyone after them will know what happened and will also honour their heroes.

Today's drama is about the very first monument the Children of Israel made, when they crossed into the Promised Land.

But it was not a statue or a finely-carved marble pillar.

DRAMA - [The Bible In Living Sound.](#)

Joshua and Caleb were the only two left of all the adult Israelites who had come out of slavery in Egypt. They were the only two spies who believed God would give victory forty years earlier. If all the Israelites who left Egypt had trusted and obeyed the Almighty God, they would have overcome their enemies. Then they would have enjoyed years of blessing in the Promised Land. Instead, they wasted their lives in the long weary wilderness until they had all died. They had doubted and disobeyed God, so they lost the great blessings He had planned for them.

In today's drama, this new generation had understood how their parents had failed. They were trusting God to give them victory. They were ready to cross into the Promised Land.

This has an important spiritual lesson for all of God's children. When we turn from our slavery to sin and come to Jesus, God makes us His children. Our lives must show that He is our Saviour and our Lord by what we say and do to please Him.

God's Holy Spirit in us helps us see the enemies in our lives that we must overcome so we can grow as His children. We begin to understand that God wants us to lead clean honest lives showing His kindness and mercy to others. The Bible Book Romans, chapter 6, says this, Think of yourselves as dead to sin, but alive to God. Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self, nor must you surrender any part of yourselves ... to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourselves to God...surrender your whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes.

Just as God promised to help the Israelites conquer their enemies, He has promised to help us overcome our **spiritual** enemies - the wrongdoing - in our lives. And when we obey Him and stand against our own bad habits and wrongdoing, He gives us His joy and peace. There's a hymn that says it well. "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be **happy** in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Joshua was about 70 years old, but he was still strong. Moses had been able to rely on his help throughout the wilderness years. Now God had given this faithful man a great task: Joshua must lead his people across the Jordan River take possession of the land. Joshua would prosper and succeed as long as he trusted and obeyed.

Everyone in the camp knew there would be battles to fight before they could fully possess this good land and they were ready to give Joshua their full support. They longed to have their own place and to settle down. They understood that God could only bless them if they trusted and obeyed Him. They also knew how important it was to leave a memorial to remind all their children after them of God's wonderful help.

The Bible tells us in Joshua Chapter 3, the Jordan's waters held back at the town of Adam. This was about 15 miles upriver from where they were. What a wonderful miracle! This was the time of year when the snow had melted on the mountains to the north, and the Jordan River was overflowing and deep. Yet everyone was able to walk across safely. The 12 heavy stones on the riverbed and the 12 which Joshua set up at their camp site, would remind their descendants about God's power and His care for His people. The heap of stones would prove this was not a fairy story. It would encourage future generations to trust and obey the Almighty God.

The God of the Bible is still a miracle-working God. In those far-off days, He worked powerfully for His people but miracles were not everyday experiences. His people had to learn to trust and obey when life was difficult and everything seemed to be against them. Trust and obedience showed that their faith was real. And we show our faith is real when we trust and obey.

But the greatest miracle of all has happened for every one of God's children! Every person who has come to God the Father through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, has been **born again** into God's family! The Bible book Colossians, chapter 1, says this, "(God) the Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of His Dear Son." And the book Ephesians, chapter 2, says this, "God's love for us is so great that while we were spiritually **dead** in our disobedience, he **brought us to life** with Christ. It is by God's grace you have been saved...it is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift."

Do you understand you are spiritually dead because of your wrongdoing?

Come to God the Father today! Ask Him to forgive your sins for Jesus' sake. To become God's child is the most wonderful miracle of all, for it lasts for all eternity!

MUSIC - [Integrity Music](#).

Rick Riso and Tampa Lann were singing "Free Indeed."

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