



It's Not About You
(Joshua 3:1-17)

Main Idea

God continually demonstrates that our lives are to be all about Him.

Connect

Think back to childhood. Was there anything you remember anticipating greatly?

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain ...
2. The Israelites were told that the Ark of the Covenant would lead them on their path. They needed only to follow it, but not too close (v. 1-4)
 - What was the significance of God's specific instruction to the Israelites? What specific instruction does God give us as Christians today?
 - These people, who were chosen to enter the Promised Land, had experienced first-hand the cost of disobedience and unbelief. How do you think they felt knowing the journey had finally begun?
 - Where are you at in your journey with Jesus right now? Elaborate on one of the following...
 - I haven't even begun to travel on the same path with Jesus
 - I just began my journey with Jesus
 - I have had to take several detours along the way
 - I am more alert of what's ahead on my journey
 - My pace has picked up on my journey
3. The people set off to cross the Jordan River and begin their approach of Jericho (V 13-16).
 - Privately, God had encouraged Joshua. Now, publically, He was making a show of His mighty power to every Israelite. As they crossed the dry riverbed what was God revealing to them about his nature?
 - What specific characteristic of himself, has God been revealing to you in the past week/month/year?

4. God led the Israelites through the Jordan River on dry ground, with the Ark of the Covenant at the center. (V. 17)
 - Why do you think God chose to have the Ark in the center of their path?
 - The Lord had spent the last 40 years cleansing the Israelite camp of unbelief, and raising a new generation to enter the Promised Land. What cleansing needs to take place in your life before God can lead you on to something else?
 - How is your faith preparing you for what God has planned for your future?

Live it Out

- The most powerful stories are the ones we have experienced firsthand with God. Remember a time when God has shown himself powerful and faithful to you and share it with others.
- Maybe you need a fresh revelation of God's faithfulness and grace. Maybe you feel like you are stuck waiting. How can you keep your focus on God?