

“The Jordan River Rules” by Robert J. Morgan

Chapter 3: Step Up To The Moment

Scripture: Joshua 1:10-18 – “Get provisions ready for yourselves, for within three days you will be crossing the Jordan to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you to inherit.

A. Three Days to rest and prepare for the next stage

Genesis 42:17 - Joseph put his brothers in jail for 3 days to examine their hearts.

1 Chronicles 12:39 – David’s men celebrated 3 days when proclaiming him king.

Jonah 1:17 – Jonah was in the whale for 3 days.

Luke 2:46 – Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem for three days.

Making a major decision – Take 3 days praying, pondering, worshipping, and resting.

We are to be submissive to God and he will change our hearts.

B. Submission

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:11-13 – “A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.”

James 3:17-18 – “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

Eph 5:21-33 – “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church – for we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Heb 13:17 – “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

James 4:7 – “Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”