

## “The Jordan River Rules” by Robert J. Morgan

### Chapter 1: Realize God Means For You To Move Forward

God leads us in 3 ways.

#### A. God leads us in **stages**.

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-5 – “Moses my servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites. I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses. Your territory will be from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates River – all the land of the Hittites. – and west to the Mediterranean Sea. No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you.”

Numbers 33:1-2 – “These were the **stages** of the Israelites’ journey when they went out of the land of Egypt...”

The death of Moses was a new stage for the Israelites, the only leader they had ever known.

What stages in your life can you identify?

Are you on the border of a new stage in your life?

Philippians 3:13-15 – Paul wrote: “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way.”

#### B. God leads us in **steps**.

Scripture: Joshua 1:3 – “I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses.

Psalms 139:16 – “All my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.”

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”

Psalms 119:105 – Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.”

Plant your foot on a promise, and take the next step.

#### C. God leads us in **person**.

Scripture: Joshua 1:5 – “I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you.

Have you felt the presence of God in the stages of your life?

1John 3:18-19 “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his **presence** whenever our hearts condemn us.