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Chapter 3

Vayeitsei & Vayishlach

The people of Israel are finally at the banks of the Jordan about to cross over. For three days they lodge there, waiting for Joshua to lead them, somehow, across this massive river. The Land—and the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham—is visible just over the waters, and we'll see how God beautifully transitions His children from the end of the wandering to the beginning of their life in the Land.

Discussion Questions:

1. What must the Israelites have thought when Joshua had said, "tomorrow Adonai will do wonders in your midst"?
2. Where do we find other instances of "three days" being associated with revelation?
3. Where did the waters of the Jordan stand in one column? Why do you think it matters that Israel most likely could not see this miracle take place?
4. Recall Israel's first water crossing and this, their second. Compare and contrast the characteristics of the waters and what they can teach us about our development both physically and spiritually.
5. Explain how it could be that Jacob portrays a deepening relationship with God, a relationship that goes even deeper than God's relationship with Abraham and Isaac.
6. Explain how passion is the key to action.
7. How did God put a fire into the hearts of the generation that crosses the Jordan, from Egypt onwards?

