

YEHOSHUA

Chapter 4

Vayeshev

The years of wandering in the wilderness are now at a decisive end. The crossing of the Jordan River is complete. Fighting and conquering are ahead, but the first thing they do in the Land is establish a memorial of the miracle at Gilgal. Now two waters have been crossed in Israel's history, and they face a reality that is no longer dependant on the physical manna from God.

Joshua Discussion Questions:

1. What might this passage teach us about the kind of leaders God wants of His people and for His people to be?
2. What are the key purposes of this memorial of stones?
3. List all the similarities and differences you can think of between the Red Sea and Jordan River crossings. How are they different and similar? Why?
4. Recall, if you can, stories of faith of your forebears—parents, grandparents, mentors, etc. What can you learn and pass down from what they passed down to you? If you are the first of your family to come to faith in Messiah, what are the foundational lessons you must pass on to your descendants?
5. Think about how you understand what the “fear of God” has meant to you and how you might need to adjust that understanding.

Vayeishev Discussion Questions:

6. How is it that we must be "at rest" to be able to see God?
7. How are you affected by the story of Joseph?
8. How does persecution lead to evangelism?

